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The guerrilla leader Ahmed Shah Masoud, left, escorting Benon Sevan, a special UN envoy, toward the Masoud home for talks in Charikar, north of Kabul, on Wednesday,

# Guerrillas, Unopposed, Reach the Edges of Kabul

By Edward A. Gargan

New York Times Service KABUL - Columns of guerrillas armed with rockets, automatic weapons and backed by tanks moved along roads leading to the Afghan capital on Wednesday.

There were hundreds of guerrillas, less than five miles (eight kilometers) from Kabul's northern edges, marching unopposed to Kabul. The rebels, who said they belonged to the rebel group called Islamic Society, exhibited no

pre-battle tension, instead displaying the cool confidence of victors. "We don't know when we will go to Kabul," said Mohammed Sharif, the thickly bearded commander of the column. "If they tell me to go, we will go to Kabul."

An exhausted and despondent Abdul Wakil. Afghanistan's foreign minister, held a lengthy and rambling news conference pleading that guerrillas not enter Kabul.

Declaring that the remaining government au-thority in Kabul, both the army and the former ruling Watan, or Homeland Party, intended to cooperate with the Islamic rebeis, he demanded that they cease fighting and join talks, a de-mand that seemed to carry little force in the surrounded city.

Only Kabul remains under the shaky sway of the government and the army of the former president, General Najibullah. As the rebels advance in mass and at great speed, it may be only a few days before the capital is occupied by the guerrillas who have been at war for 13 years, first with the Soviet occupying army and then with the proxy government of General Najibullah.

Meanwhile, the United Nations special envoy. Benon Sevan, continued his efforts to salvage a peace settlement that might spare the country further bloodshed by meeting with Ahmed Shah Masoud, the leader of Islamic Society, one of the most powerful of the rebel

Their meeting, held in Charikar, north of Kabul, followed a similar discussion Mr. Sevan held on Tuesday with General Abdul Rashid Doestam, the commander of a military coalition controlling most of northern Afghanistan.

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MOSCOW (AFP) - Between 6,000 and

8,000 Ukrainians died in the aftermath of the

Chemobyl nuclear disaster, Ukrainian offi-

ciais said Wednesday at a press conference, billed under the slogan "Chernobyl: Six

The explosion and fire at the plant on April

26. 1986, sent a radioactive cloud over large areas of Europe. The officials said that deaths

among members of the emergency services

involved in decontamination were running at

three to five times the rates for people of

equivalent age.

Only 31 people were officially reported to have died in the accident, which was initially

kept secret by the former Soviet government.

"We can go to Kabul without fighting." Mr. Masoud said, in an interview with journalists before meeting Mr. Sevan.

"If we took Charikar and Bagram easily, it would be easy for us to go into Kabul." he said, but we want to talk to other groups.

He uttered his words without bravado, without an air of triumph.

Besides Mr. Masoud's forces, guerrillas loyal to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the extreme fundamentalist leader of the Islamic Party, were moving swiftly toward the capital from the south.

Mr. Masoud insisted that he and his allies See KABUL, Page 7

# IMF Reading: World Growth Will Be Soft **Until 1993**

By Steven Greenhouse

WASHINGTON - The International Monetary Fund sharply revised its tore-cast Wednesday for the world economy, saying growth would come to only a slug-

gish 1.4 percent this year. In October, the IMF predicted 2.7 per-cent growth in 1992, but fund officials said they reduced that forecast largely because the United States was taking longer than

the United States was taking longer than expected to recover.

The fund said the world economy would grow by a healthy 3.6 percent next year.

In its World Economic Outlook report, the IMF said the U.S. economy was beginning to turn up, forecasting that the country's output would grow by 2.3 percent from fourth quarter.

Michael Mussa, the fund's chief economist added at a press conference that he

mist, added at a press conference that he would not be surprised if the U.S. economy grew by 3 percent this year.

The report said it would be unwise for the U.S. Federal Reserve to lower interest

rates further since the recovery appeared to be taking hold.

"Barring evidence that growth contin-ues to falter," it said, "a further significant reduction of interest rates does not seem warranted in the United States." The decline in interest rates already in

place should produce the long-awaited strengthening of activity, the report noted. Worried that further monetary easing could ultimately overstimulate the economy, the report added that underlying inflation in the United States still appeared "to be above long-term objectives.

Consumer prices will rise 3.1 percent both this year and next, compared with 4.2 percent inflation last year, it predicted.

The significant decline in short-term interest rates in North America and Japan

— made possible by the continued moderation of inflation — is expected to contribute to a strengthening of growth during 1992," the report said. Mr. Mussa said the U.S. economy would not rebound at the 5 percent or 6 percent rate generally seen in the first year after other post-World War II recessions

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# U.S. and EC Fail to End Impasse in **Trade Talks**

Farm Subsidies Block Accord, but Negotiators Extend Deadline to June

By Tom Redburn

International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — President George Bush
and European leaders failed Wednesday to break a stalemate over farm subsidies, almost

break a stalemate over farm subsidies, almost certainly closing off any chance of reaching a wide-ranging global trade agreement this year. At a White House meeting, part of a series of semiannual summit meetings designed to foster ties between the European Community and the United States, Mr. Bush met with Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission, and Painte Meinter of the EC Commission, and Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva of Portugal, which occupies the rotating EC presidency. But neither side convinced the other to give much ground on the farm-subsidy question. Although a number of sticky issues remain to be settled in the global trade talks, held under

### EC investigators uncover questionable practices by dairy producers. Page 13.

the aegis of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the primary dispute revolves around the European Community's reluctance to sig-nificantly cut its agriculture subsidies. The United States and its allies in the talks say the costly system of farm supports give many inefficient European producers an unjustified advantage in world trade.

Despite the failure, the leaders promised to

"We had some serious discussions and the process will go on," Mr. Bush said. "We are convinced, absolutely convinced that the EC leaders are committed to an early agreement, and I hope they know that I am committed to method an early convenient."

such an early conclusion. Mr. Cavaco Silva called the session "a meeting among friends that we found very construc-

Earlier in the day, Mr. Delors hinted at some minor new proposals he planned to present to Mr. Bush at their meeting Wednesday. But there was no indication that the plan produced a long-awaited breakthrough on the farm subsi-

dy dispute.

A U.S. trade official said that he had given up expecting any GATT deal until after this fall's presidential election at the earliest.

Mr. Delors insisted that Brussels remained strongly interested in reaching an overall GATT agreement, which he called "indispensible" to help the world economy rebound from its recent bout of stagnation. But he cautioned that Europe was not prepared to accept stringent measures to curb its costly farm subsidies.

"We have to find an equitable solution." he said. "Europe is not ready to pay any price." On Tuesday, however, a senior U.S. official con-tended that the White House was not prepared to give further ground.

the meeting, said that the Community and the United States had once again pushed back their target date for a settlement, hoping to resolve the dispute by the end of June, before the summit meeting of the Group of Seven indus-

trialized countries in early July.
"We are not in the mood to pull back." he said, referring to both parties. "Too much is at stake." Mr. Delors said that "new ideas have been advanced on both sides" in an effort to

resolve the sericultural stalemate At stake in the dispute is the struggle, now more than five years old, to modernize the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the post-World War II system that has helped enhance global economic growth through steady reductions in international trade barriers. Much of the world's trade in manufactured

goods is covered by GATT rules. But global See GATT, Page 7

# In U.S. House, Retirements Hit Postwar Record

By Kenneth J. Cooper and Eric Pianin

Weshington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The exodus from the House of Representatives has hit 50, setting a postwar record for retirements.

The number of members who have said they will not seek re-election this year has exceeded the traditional turnover associated with redu-tricting because of an unprecedented level of frustration with legislative gridlock and the political fallout from the House Bank scandal.

Representative William S. Broomfield. 69, the senior Republican on the Foreign Affairs Committee, who was first elected to the House in 1956, became the 50th member to depart. Mr. Broomfield, of Michigan, said Tuesday

that he was displeased with the bitter partisanship that has prevented Congress from dealing with inequities in the health system and with balancing the budget.

"The partisanship is so butter that it's very difficult to get anything through," is said in an interview. "Everyone is trying to get the political advantage, and everyone is suffering." "I just felt I didn't want to continue in the

minority, getting old and not being able to do any more," he added.

House officials and congressional observers

expect total turnover, counting incumbents who are defeated, to approach if not exceed 100 out of 435 House members. The prospect of that many newcomers has

raised hopes in some quarters of an energetic set of reformers like those first-term representatives elected in 1974 after the Watergate scan-See HOUSE, Page 3

Battle Rages in Sarajevo Kiev Says Chernobyl Serbs Fight Muslims to Control Capital Killed 6,000 to 8,000

SARAJEVO. Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serbs and Muslims fought street to street for control of Sarajevo on Wednesday in the fiercest combat yet in this capital during nearly two months of ethnic warfare in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Militant Serbs want part of Sarajevo as the

capital of an independent Serbian state carved from Bosnia-Herzegovina, which has seceded from Yugoslavia. "Come and bring any weapons you can find; this is a battle for the freedom and future of Bosnia-Herzegovina," said an appeal by the

Bosnian territorial defense organization broadcast by Sarajevo radio. Serbian and Muslim militiamen blazed away with rocket-propelled grenades, recoilless rifles and mortars, ignoring a European Community

effort to arrange a cease-fire.

A planned visit to Sarajevo on Thursday by the EC's chief mediator for Yugoslavia, Lord Carrington, and other EC envoys was uncer-

take cover from sniper fire as he spoke to journalists in his Sarajevo hotel. He is assigned to organize the mission by Lord Carrington. chairman of the EC conference on Yugoslavia, who is to be accompanied by the current EC president, João de Deus Pinheiro.

"The trip may now be in jeopardy." Mr. Doyle said, adding that there was no way they could secure Lord Carrington's safety.

"This is mindless violence," he said. "Using a hotel with the EC and journalists in it and a See BOSNIA, Page 7

# The Return of Georgian Royalty: Joy, Sadness, a Maddening Trip

By Celestine Bohlen

TBILISI, Georgia — It has been 191 years since the Bagration family ruled Georgia, but in the Caucasus, people have long memories. So when three Bagrationis recently made their way back to Georgia after a generation in exile, they were showered at every turn with armfuls of roses, bags of tangerines and dried fruits, bottles of champagne accompanied by Howery toasts — offerings of an emotional people who are all the more so when it comes to direct descendants of Tamara. Georgia's legendary 12th-century queen.

But the homecoming of the Bagrationis from Bordeaux, France, had its sadnesses too. It was first marred by a blown airplane tire, a 24-hour holdover at a squalid provincial airport

in Russia and other symptoms of the last twichings of a fallen Soviet empire that had succeeded the last Bagrationi king as Georgia's As a result of the delays, the Bagrationis

arrived in Tbilisi a day late, only to learn that

their 79-year-old father. Constantine, who had preceded them in the homeward journey by a month, had died in a Tbilisi hospital just hours

The funeral was held at Tbilisi's central church. Constantine Bagration's wish to be buried in his native land, which he had last seen when he left the country as a child in 1922, was

Last Wednesday, as they sat in the airport in Sochi waiting for the plane to Tbilisi. Mr. Bagrationi's wife, Monica, and their two grown children. Ketevan and Alexandre, knew nothing of the sadness that awaited them. Instead, they, like the other 150 or so stranded passengers, concentrated on battling an unfeeling bureaucracy, coming up against the intransigence of a system that has virtually ground to a hait.

(The family tree has many branches: at about the same time, there was a second death in the family, in New York on April 10. Prince Teymuraz Bagration, also 79, and a prominent

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Food Is Sent to Sudan

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AKOBO, Sudan (Reuters) - The United Nations began ferrying food to thousands of starving people in southern Sudan on Wednesday, three days after the Khartoum amerament lifted a six-week ban on all relief flights in the region.

Sudan needs to import about 925,000 tons food due to leave a mediation, this trees

of food due to low crop production this year, the United Nations said in a report released last week. Many southerners have not been able to plant crops this year since they have fled fighting, relief officials said.

U.S. foes of the death penalty have all but given up on blocking it politically. Page 3. Hanoi pledges all-out assistance in the search for U.S. MIAs as U.S. senators visit. Page 6. Business/Finance Hongkong Bank is

ாகையாரை shareholders in Midland Bank. as frid target. Page IL SGS-Thomson and Philips set in motion a broad computer-chip agreement. Page 11.

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Carrying a doll, an anti-abortion advocate demonstrated Wednesday outside the Supreme Court, where arguments in a pivotal abortion rights case were heard. Page 7.

# A Smalltown Politician Shows Brown What Politics Is All About

H'eather

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

PHILADELPHIA - Jerry Brown knows that some days, and some states, turn out better than others. That's the way the karma

Plagued by a flurry of critical news reports. trapped in a monologue that sounds more stale than stormy, Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., the former California governor, has been careering around Pennsylvania. Governor Bill Clinton is ignoring him, and contributions to his presidential campaign's "800" number have

But if some days have been bad, some nights have been worse.

Just as Jimmy Carter and the Reverend Jesse Jackson did before him, Mr. Brown likes to spend the night with supporters. Brown aides say it underscores the grass-roots nature of his

"You have to try to be neat." said Mr. Brown, who has been known to leave crumpled wet towels and half-made beds in his wake.

Usually, his hosts - whether he is staying at a homeless shelter in Baltimore, a millionaire's mansion in Dalias, a union official's apartment in Manhattan, a Mormon's home in Salt Lake City or a Catholic Worker center in Philadelphia — are discreet and deferential, allowing Mr. Brown to get to bed quickly and sleep as long as he likes.

But one recent night, as the exhausted candi-date sped along a Pennsylvania highway headed for Throop, a working-class suburb of Scranion where he was going to spend the night with strangers, he had no way of knowing that he was about to meet his match: The fading national politician who craves attention versus an up-and-coming local politician who craves attention even more.

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Diane Bruno-Neison, a 33-year-old Throop city councilwoman, had volunteered to put up the candidate in her home.

She had an ambitious plan to make the most of her brief encounter, taking a cue from the moste "My Favorite Year," in which Peter O'Toole's saashbuckling here is invited to a young writer's home in a New York borough and is greeted by the entire building, including an aunt who wore her wedding dress to the party and the writer's mother, who announces grandly. "Welcome to my humble chapeau."
"This." Ms. Bruno-Nelson said happily as
Mr. Brown arrived at her home, "is a once-in-

Following is a chronology of their comedy of political manners: Act One. Bedtime

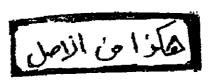
11:35 P.M.: The candidate enters and is surprised to find a catered party and more than a dozen guests waiting for him. A buffet of cold cuts is set out in the kitchen and two large colley urns sit under a reproduction of "The List Supper in the dining room.

room, there is a semicircle of family members, including Ms. Bruno-Nelson's mother, her daughter, her uncle and his wife, her cousin, her husband, and some neighbors, including a fellow Throop council member, Sharon Solds-Sparano, the borough's treasurer, Mary Bibak, and an environmental lawyer, Michael Cow-

Local reporters swarm over the house. Mr. Brown asks a cameraman to turn off the bright lights aimed at him. "My brain is just foggy."

As the guests pepper the candidate with questions about how he likes Throop and how See BROWN, Page 2





# A Call To Arms In Algeria

### Islamic Paper Says: 'Move From Words to Rifles'

The Associated Press ALGIERS - The banned Islamic Salvation Front urged its fundamentalist followers Wednesday to "move from words to rifles," its first direct call for armed struggle since authorities began a crack-

down in January. "To oppression, there is resistance, and we are prepared to sacrifice millions to save Algeria." wrote Minbar el Djournouaa, a clandes-tine newssheet published by the

"After vain calls for dialogue the people should move from

words to rifles," it said.
It was not immediately clear whether the publication was expressing the official position of the movement, which was banned March 4 after thousands of arrests, among them top fundamentalist leaders. The Salvation Front still issues communiques, stamped and signed by officials in hiding.

In one such communiqué, issued in mid-March, the Islamic Salvation Front conceded that attacks on security forces could be the work of militant fundamentalists, as the authorities contend, but did not take responsibility for the vio-

There have been about 50 deaths among security forces since mili-tary-backed rulers imposed a state of emergency Feb. 9.

A five-member council, the High State Committee, took power in mid-January to thwart a fundamentalist election victory in the National People's Assembly, re-moving President Chadli Bendje-

The Salvation Front newsletter said the performance of Moham-med Boudial's government during its first 100 days in office merited comparisons with Nazi Germany and fascist Italy.

The ruling council on Wednesday announced the names of a 60member Consultative Council.

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# Israeli Witnesses Say Army Shot Without Warning

JERUSALEM - An Israeli couple who witnessed a shooting incident in the occupied West Bank have said they saw members of an army undercover unit fire without warning at masked Palestinians, wounding two of them.

The report, which directly contradicted an army statement, was believed to be the first time Israeli civilian witnesses have publicly challenged a military account of a shooting in the occupied territories since the start of the Palestinian uprising more than four years ago.

have been repeatedly accused by Palestinian witnesses and human rights groups of gunning down wanted suspects instead of arresting them. The army has consistently

Aviva and David Elimelech said they had been visiting an Arab acquaintance at the village of Dura, near Hebron, on Tuesday when they saw three masked Palestinians preparing to spray-paint nationalist graffiti on a wall.

"Suddenly I saw soldiers in civilian clothes who, without warning, without even telling them to put up their hands, shot them," Mrs. Elimelech said in an interview

Tuesday on Israel Radio.

Mr. Elimelech said he saw three men get out of a civilian

car carrying a blue West Bank license plate.
"Without a word they fired a burst of gunfire, directly,"
he said. "The youths backs were turned to them." An army statement said the soldiers had warned the Palestinians before opening fire.



A Palestinian struggling to prevent the arrest of her son Wednesday after their home in East Jerusalem was demolished by the authorities, who said it was unsafe

# France Pushes Constitutional Change Tied to EC

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

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erament proposed major changes in the country's constitution on PARIS — Amid a growing debate about the risks of losing national sovereignty, the French government.

Wednesday to make it conform with a treaty to establish closer European unity.

zens living in France would be allowed to vote in local elections, but they could not run for office.

The bill to revise the 1958 constination is likely to escalate anxiety about control over the nation's destiny, as France suddenly awakens to the dramatic impact that may result from the landmark treaty on political and economic union reached by the 12 EC nations in Maastricht, the Netherlands, in December.

Despite its reputation as one of the most ardent advocates of European cooperation, France is now experiencing a fresh wave of doubts about eliminating frontiers within the Community, allowing foreigners the right to vote and merging its fate irrevocably with its ncighbors.

partners are prone to tolerate levels of inflation that they find disdain-

The amendments would transfer mounting concern that they will be "all necessary authority" from forced to endure stringent austerity end of France." France to the European Communi- regimes over the next few years to ty for border controls and the cre- meet the tough requirements that ation of a single European currency the Germans have insisted upon by the end of the decade. EC citi- before a single currency can take before a single currency can take

> In Ireland, the Maastricht agreement has become entangled in an emotional battle over abortion rights, while in Denmark the treaty's opponents now believe they have the votes to defeat it in a referendum on June 2.

Ironically, only Britain, which fought hard against incorporating the more ambitious goals of its partners into the treaty, seems immune to the new political uncertainty about Maastricht. Backed by a solid majority in Parliament after recent elections, Prime Minister John Major expects few problems in overriding dissent over the trea-

But in France, the governing Socialists and their mainstream con-Elsewhere in Europe, similar servative opponents are fearful signs of skepticism are growing toward the Maastricht treaty, which can only become affording the same of the servative opponents are fearful about taking a bold approach "To say be swallow be swallow." ward the Maastricht treary, which can only become effective after rat- lic sensitivity. The groupings that nonsense," said Jean Françoisification by all EC members. Ger- represent the political establishmans, for example, worry that the ment barely captured half of the solid Deutsche mark will be re-votes in recent regional elections, placed by a more unstable form of losing ground to fringe parties that money. They fear their European campaigned against surrendering

On the left, the Communists have been joined by some leading ecologists and maverick Socialists in forming a stop-Maastricht alli-

The political split is most glaring among the conservative alliance linking Jacques Chirac's neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic and Valery Giscard d'Estaing's center-right Union for French Democra-

Mr. Chirac has criticized the treaty as "abstruse badly written, complex and ambiguous" but has not declared whether he will vote against it. He and his party have urged President François Mitterrand to put the treaty before the public by holding a national refer-

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, on the other hand, has endorsed the Maastricht treaty and supported Mr. Mitterrand's method of entrusting ratification in the hands of

To say that France is going to Poncet, who served as foreign minister during Mr. Giscard d'Es-taing's presidency and heads the European Movement in France.

Mr. Mitterrand insisted again Wednesday that there was no ques-Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of tion of renegotiating the accords, the far-right National Front, de- which were reached after a year of In Italy and Spain, there is clared that the Maastricht treaty inter-governmental bargaining.

### WORLD BRIEFS

### A New Mishap, on Takeoff, for Arafai

TUNIS (Reuters) - The Palestine Liberation Organization chalumen Yasser Arafat, whose plane crash-landed in the Libyan desert earlier this month, was on board a jet that aborted takeoff when its windshield broke Palestinians said Wednesday.

The incident occurred aboard an executive jet that was to have flown Mr. Arafat from Djerba after a meeting last week with the Libyan leader

Colonel Moanmar Gadhafi, the sources said.

"Seconds before taking off the windshield broke, and the pilot successfully aborted the takeoff," a Palestinian said. No one was injured, and the cause of the windshield breaking was unknown, the source said. On April 7, three crewmen were killed but Mr. Arafat suffered only minor impries when his plane ran out of fuel and crash-landed in the Libyan desert

### France Pushes Constitutional Change

PARIS (Reuters) — The French government adopted a bill Wednesday to amend the constitution in line with the Maastricht treaty on European mion, forcing the pace of ratification to exploit opposition disarray.

The cabinet approved a two-article chapter to be added to the coastin-

The cabinet approved a two-article chapter to be added to the constitution authorizing transfers of sovereignty to allow a single European Community currency by 1999, a common visa policy and EC cineral participation in local and European elections.

But, departing from the spirit of Maastricht, foreigners will not be allowed to be elected mayor or deputy mayor in France to avoid giving them power over the police or the right to elect members to the Senan Participants? a second chamber. A sovernment spokesman said the Life Parliament's second chamber. A government spokesman said the hill would be submitted to Parliament on Wednesday. Debate is expected to

### Duke Bows Out of U.S. Campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) - The former Kn Klux Klan leader David Duke ended his Republican presidential bid on Wednesday and said he would not be a third-party candidate for the White House.

Mr. Duke, 41, failed to win any presidential primaries, and management of the ballot.

### Mount Etna's Lava Flow Is Diverted

CATANIA, Sicily (AFP) — Civil-defense experts said Wednesday that they had blocked off the flow of lava from Mount Ema in a bid to save the

village of Zafferana.

The experts said they hoped that the diverted lava would spread and cool harmlessly on the uninhabited slopes, but could make no promise. On Tuesday, U.S. Navy helicopters had dropped more than 50 this of concrete into a lava-spewing crack of Mount Etna at an altitude of 2,000 meters (6,500 feet) in a last-ditch effort to save Zafferana. Fadier attempts to drop individual concrete blocks had failed when the blocks were carried away by the lava.

### Day-Care Operator Guilty in Sex Case

FARMVILLE, North Carolina (AP) - The owner of a day-care center was convicted Wednesday of sexually abusing 12 children in a case that stunned the state and culminated in the longest criminal trial in North

The defendant, Robert F. Kelly Jr., 44, owner of the Little Rassals nursery in Edenton, was convicted of all but one of 100 charges of taking indecent liberties, first-degree sexual offense and crimes against name. He faces 40 life terms on 40 rape convictions and a total of 560 years on the other 59 charges. No sentencing date was immediately set. Testimony began in August 1991 in the trial, which was also the costliest ever held in

### TRAVEL UPDATE

### Experts in Pisa Fear for the Tower

PISA, Italy (AP) — A team of experts announced Wednesday that the pace of tilting of the famed leaning tower was increasing and that there was "a danger of a structural collapse with no notice, similar to what happened to Pavia's bell tower." Pavia's 80-meter (250-foot) tower, which was nine centuries old, killed three people when it collapsed in March 1980.

The team said that a project to put five iron support rings around Pisa's tower would start late this month. The tower has been closed to visitors since 1990. It currently leans about 5.5 degrees off the perpendicular, Israelis and Moroccans are reportedly meeting secretly in Paris to negotiate a deal to fly tourists between the two nations, a lemsalen

newspaper said. El Al airlines and Royal Air Maroc are said to be discussing a plan for El Al to fly Israelis to a European capital, where they would transfer to Royal Air Maroc for the flight to Morocco. A smaller route would be used on the Morocco-Israel flights.

and Christian quarters Wednesday as thousands of demonstrators coaverged on parliament to protest the high cost of living. (AP)
Angry Helsinki workers brought public transport to a near standal in

and around the capital for about two hours and factories were chied in many parts of the country Wednesday as unions staged an "day of

action" against government ansterity measures. (AFP)
Brazil's second-largest airline, VASP, will begin passenger service to
Second largest passenger service to Second largest passenger service to the first from Second American and Wednesday in Second. The airline will be the first from South America to provide service to South Korea: Korean Air, South Korea's carrier, will also open a weekly service linking Seoul. Los Angeles and São Paolo in September, the officials said.

# BROWN: An American Lesson in Smalltown Politics

the Pennsylvania campaign is going, he answers briefly and a bit groggily, explaining, "I'm a little tired, to tell you the truth."

Forget it, Charlie. It's definitely an experience."

1:30 A.M.: Mr. Brown finally goes to bed, to the master bedroom.

The two councilwomen look at the candidate expectantly. Mr. Brown sips his decaffeinated coffee and gamely asks them some questions about zoning rules

Nelson has gathered another dozen people—"a whole
and length of city council terms. He pleads with the
Scranton reporter seeking an interview: "Will you be
including the mayor and police chief of Throop. The around tomorrow? I'd rather do this tomorrow. My coffee urns have moved downstairs, and a catered voice is pretty well gone."

Instead, the reporter interviews Jacques Barzaghi, the candidate's mystical, bald, beret-wearing aide, and asks his title. "We don't have titles." Mr. Barzaghi explains, in his go-to-the-devil French accent. "We create for ourselves titles."

11:55 P.M.: As Mr. Brown sits slumped in a wing chair, eyes heavy, Ms. Bruno-Nelson and Ms. Soltis-Sparano fill him in on all the intricacies of the environmental problems of Throop. They talk landfills, toxic waste, co-generation plants, sewer lines.

Midnight: After Ms. Bruno-Nelson informs Mr. Brown that "we won't keep you long tonight" — which he understands as a signal that he cannot yet go to bed - he retreats to the kitchen to get a reviving snack of cole slaw and potato chips. He tells some of the guests, who are smoking up a storm, that they should think about the pollution caused by eigarettes when they talk about their town's pollution.

Ms. Bruno-Nelson's uncle, Conrad Grilletto, 74, a retired custom tailor, is asked what he thinks of Mr.

"Sincere," he says, taking a puff of his cigarette. Theresa, his wife, 72, is asked the same question. "She agrees with whatever I say," Mr. Grilletto answers for her.

12:15 A.M.: Larry Sparano, a local television news anchor who has interviewed Mr. Brown at 11 P.M. and just happens to be married to Ms. Soltis-Sparano, arrives to do another story, about the candidate staying with local folks. Brown aides demur, noting that Mr. Brown is dying to get to sleep, but succumb when they see that Ms. Bruno-Nelson is still explaining pollution problems.

12:30 A.M.: Mr. Barzaghi, who usually shoos Mr. on her portable phone.

"I was excited," she tells the interviewer about Mr. Brown to bed and spends the night on the couch to appease the rare loquacious host, realizes that it is going to be tough to get any sleep at all. He retrieves challenge."

Brown's overnight stay. "But I thought it was a challenge."

8:43 A.M.: Mr. Brown's van pulls out of the driveto a fancy hotel in Scranton.

mornings at supporters' homes are sometimes difficult. "Some mornings, the whole family takes a show-

and Mary take a shower, before I can take a shower.

1:30 A.M.: Mr. Brown finally goes to bed, taking Act Two: Breakfast 7:15 A.M.: While Mr. Brown sleeps, Ms. Bruno-

breakfast has been set up. Crews from local television stations are camped outside and inside.

Ms. Bruno-Nelson takes a call from a radio station that wants an interview with Brown. "Try back in 10

minutes, maybe you'll get lucky," she advises.

When the radio station calls back, Ms. Bruno-

Nelson walks out into the hall, stretching the phone cord to its full length, and glares at the closed bedroom "Is he awake yet?" she impatiently asks her hus-

band, Bob Nelson, a slender, quiet man who works as a maintenance foreman at the Penn State campus. He asks his wife who should wake him. "You do the honors," she says,

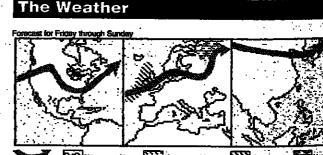
7:30 A.M.: The smoke detector is set off by the cigarette smoke that has been curling in the basement for an hour, but Mr. Brown sleeps through it:

7:40 A.M.: Ms. Bruno-Nelson instructs her reluctant husband through clenched teeth: "I don't care. Wake him up. I want him downstairs. He promised to come down for at least 20 minutes. That's all I ask." 7:45 A.M.: "Is he up yet?" she demands. "He grunted," her husband informs her.

8:10 A.M.: After a quick shower, Mr. Brown emerges in the same double-breasted navy blue suit he was wearing the day before, with fresh blue shirt and tie. "What a crowd here," he says, looking around. Ms. Bruno-Nelson's mother, Anna, 63, asks Mr. Brown if she can have her picture taken with him.
"Didn't you get that last night?" he replies, rather

8:30 A.M.: After a cup of coffee, the candidate warms up to his rhetoric about the corrupt men's club running Washington. Across the room, Ms. Bruno-

8:43 A.M.: Mr. Brown's van pulls out of the driveway. He is half an hour late for his first event at a "I need a good night's sleep," he said, adding that nearby community center, but he says he enjoyed his grass-roots night. Mr. Barzaghi is upset that Mr. Brown has not got enough rest, noting huffily: "That er, then the governor takes a shower, then Peter, Paul is just the opposite of what he wants and needs.



North America Showery, cool weather is likely from the Great Lakes to New England and the mid-Atlantic states Friday and Saturday. Any rain from Houston to Atlanta will be short-lived. Sunshine will be fraquent. No rain is in sight in California.

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# For Opponents of Death Penalty, Political Hope Runs Out

By Thomas B. Edsall

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Support in the United States for the death penalty has become so strong that liberal adversaries increasingly believe that elective politics has become an almost hopeless avenue in their drive to end capital punishment.

"My analysis of this is that, with the possible exception of Mario Cuomo, there is no way the Democrats can nominate somebody against the death penalty and make it and be viable," said Stephen Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, who has devoted the last 10 years to preventing the use of the death penalty. Mr. Cuomo, the governor of New York, is one of

the few prominent Democrats to oppose the death

Interviewed after the execution on Tuesday in California of Robert Alton Harris, 39, who was convicted of killing two teenagers, Mr. Bright voiced

Irristration with the inability of liberals to persuade politicians or voters to support spending on educa-tion, jobs and gun control instead of "spending millions of dollars so we can engage in ritualistic

"Unfortunately," said Vivian Berger, vice dean of Columbia Law School and counsel on capital punishment to the American Civil Liberties Union. referring to politics, "the ordinary day-to-day diaogue is death, death and more death."

President George Bush and Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, the likely contestants in this year's esidential election, both favor the death penalty. Mr. Clinton, who earlier this year oversaw the execution of Ricky Ray Rector, a black convicted of murder in Arkansas, on Tuesday repeated his support for it under "appropriate circumstances."

Democratic opponents of Mr. Clinton, including Senator Tom Harkin, Democrat of Iowa, who

dropped out of the race, and former California

Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., sought to use the issue to win liberal support in primary elections, with only modest success.

The prospect of a presidential election in which the candidates do not disagree on the death penalty stands in direct contrast to the 1988 contest when Mr. Bush repeatedly capitalized on his support of execution to win support among voters, while the Democratic candidate, Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts, appeared to pay a significant price for his opposition to the sanction.

In Congress, the debate is now much less over the death penalty than over the legal protections and appeals available to those facing execution under habeas corpus and other constitutional provisions. In terms of public opinion, the death penalty has

become a virtually one-sided issue," said a Demo-cratic pollster. Geoff Garin. "There is a clear consensus that the death penalty is a legitimate punishment for the most serious crime

RESCUERS AT WORK IN A TIGHT SPOT - A rescuer giving emergency medical treatment to the victim of a car crash in

Salisbury, Maryland, as fire fighters worked to free him. The man was flown to a local hospital. His condition was not released.

The Voting Rights Act has Committee has estimated an in-

shaped redistricting in several crease of 16 in the number of black states that are likely to be responsi-

ble for a sizeable increase in minor-ity lawmakers next year. The Dem-1982, there were 40 voluntary re-

ocratic Congressional Campaign tirements.

According to Gallup surveys, a strong majority supported the death penalty through the 1950s to the start of the 1960s. By 1965, however, the public was effectively split down the middle, 45 perent in favor and 43 percent opposed, and in one year, 1966, opposition reached 47 percent and support fell to 42

Public opinion then shifted steadily in favor of the death penalty. By 1969, 51 percent supported it and 40 percent were opposed, and by 1981, when President Ronald Resean took office, the margin of support was 66 to 25, better than 2 to 1, When Mr. Bush ran in 1988, the margin had moved to an overwhelming 79 to 16.

The Supreme Court in 1972 barred the use of the death penalty, but then reinstated it four years later. There are now more than 2,500 people, almost all of them men, on death rows in states across the coun-

# Tsongas' Doctors Admit Cancer Recurred in '87, A Year After Treatment

By Lawrence K. Altman

New York Times Service BOSTON -- Contrary to their earlier assurances, Paul E. Tsongas's doctors now say that he suf-fered a recurrence of lymphoma in 1987, less than a year after undergoing an experimental bone marrow transplant, and was treated with an additional course of radia-

tion for the cancer. Mr. Tsongas said he did not recall his doctors saying that a biopsy of a lymph node from his armpit in the summer of 1987 showed cancer, as the doctors say they did.

Mr. Tsongas, who is the first known cancer survivor to run for president, has remained free of lymphoma, a cancer of the immune system, for five years.

Two doctors who treated him at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston have said that if elected Mr. Tsongas had a favorable prognosis for living out his term and that his health was not a factor in the suspension last month of his campaign for the Democratic nomination for president.

Saying that the recurrence did not affect Mr. Tsongas's prognosis, one of the doctors said he had not mentioned the additional treatment in earlier interviews because it was not important and the other said he had forgotten about it.

But experts not connected with Mr. Tsongas's case said the new details could after the favorable during the campaign.

bone marrow transplant did not cure him," said Dr. James O. Armi-

Ex-Editor in Chicago

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tage, a lymphoma expert at the University of Nebraska, Omaha Cures of the type of lymphoma suffered by Mr. Tsongas are rare in cases in which a recurrence follows

a bone marrow transplant, the experts said. Dr. Armitage said a review his

team was publishing of 170 lymphoma patients who relapsed after a bone marrow transplant showed that few patients were able to over-"It is a very bad thing to fail," he

in another new disclosure that contradicts previous statements. the doctors said Mr. Tsongas was not included in a medical journal report indicating a favorable prog-nosis for patients like Mr. Tsongas, 51, a former senator from Massa-

Until the new disclosures, which came to light after further inquires by The New York Times about Mr. Isongas's condition, the doctors had said Mr. Tsongas had been free of disease since the transplant in

Mr. Tsongas's personal doctor, Tak Takvorian, who cared for Mr. Tsongas during and after his bone marrow transplant, said his team told Mr. Tsongas the biopsy of the lymph node showed lymphoma. "We never do otherwise." Dr. Takyorian said. "He wasn't being

prognosis that his doctors spoke of

"The significance of a relapse after a bone marrow transplant is huge because it means that the

duped."
Mr. Tsongas said that as he re-

called it, there was a dispute amou-

the doctors about the biopsy re

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saying it was undeed lymphonia and said they decided to give extra

radiation treatments as a preven-

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The Associated Press DALLAS - A former editor of The Chicago Tribune, James D. Squires, is joining the staff of Ross Perot, the billionaire executive, to

handle media operations in an independent presidential campaign by Mr. Perot. Mr. Squires, editor of The Tri-bune from 1981 to 1989, teaches at Middle Tennessee State Universi-

longtime Perot associate.

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# Washington Criticizes Fujimori's Timetable For Democracy in Peru

address Tuesday night, Mr. Fuji-mori said that a referendum on the

emergency measures would be held July 5, with new elections for the

National Congress in February and

The president has called his sei-

zure of power essential to salvaging a sick economy, ending political corruption and defeating drug traf-

fickers and leftist guerrillas. In his address, Mr. Fujimori said

he hoped his announcement would

convince foreign countries that

Peru was committed to democracy

and "building a new, modernized

He expressed disappointment with the harsh international criti-

cism, but said he understood the

"We are not destroying democ-

racy, but cleaning the ground to

He said he would convoke a "national dialogue" Aug. 5 to discuss

Regional and municipal elec-

tions will be held on Nov. 8, when

voters also will be asked to approve

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during the August "dialogue." Mr.

build a new, more efficient democ-

racy," Mr. Fujimori said.

constitutional changes.

was 49, in 1978.

"initial distrust."

lawmakers convening next April.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - The United States expressed dissatisfaction on Wednesday with President Alberto Fujimori's timetable for restoring

democracy in Peru. Under strong international pressure, Mr. Fujimori pledged in an address Tuesday to hold a plebi-scite this summer on his decision to dissolve the National Congress and

The plebiscite would be followed by a referendum on constitutional changes and then by congressional

elections over the next 10 months. "That timetable was shorter than the previous proposals he has an-nounced," said the State Department spokeswoman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, "but in our opinion it would still leave Peru without constitutional processes for nearly a

Mr. Fujimori suspended constitutional rule on April 5, provoking the freezing of most U.S. nonhumanitarian aid and condemnation from the 34-member Organization

of American States. Miss Tutwiler said that Washington would consult with its partners in the Organization of American States on the latest

But she said the U.S. government still regarded Mr. Fujimori as Peru's president, despite the swearing in on Tuesday of Vice President Maximo San Roman, who in a mainly symbolic act took the oath of office as "constitutional president" before nearly 200 members of the disbanded legislature.

### Skydivers Crash Before Any Jump

PERRIS, California - A plane loaded with skydivers crashed during takeoff Wednesday, killing 15 of the 22 people aboard and injuring the remaining 7, authorities

The twin-engine De Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter plunged into a grassy area at the southwest end of runway at the rural Perris Valley Airport, shearing off the nose of the aircraft and both wings.

Fifteen deaths were confirmed ized, fire officials said.

HOUSE: 50 U.S. Representatives Opt for Retirement Amid Scandal and Political Gridlock doned their seats to seek higher office, while 37 have retired for other reasons. Thirty-three of those departing are Democrats, and 17

Noting the profound unpact of the bank scandal on voter thinking this year, an aide to the House Republican whip, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, said Tuesday, "Even if calls the "casualty list" includes the chairmen of three committees and trol of the House in nominal terms, there will be no doubt the turnover will be invigorating, both for the Democrats and the Republicans."

The bank scandal involved the writing by more than 300 represen-tatives and former representatives ment among the states of the 435 of had checks on their accounts. House seats every 10 years accordwith the House Bank. In all cases, the overdrafts were covered. The House is currently composed of 268 Democrats, 166 Re-Wolpe. Democrat of Michigan, and iblicans and one independent Before Mr. Broomfield's announcement, the previous postwar record of voluntary retirements

dal or, among others, faint hopes for the first Republican majority Noting the profound impact of

more than a dozen members who serve on either the influential Appropriations or Ways and Means Departing members have cited

the leading reason. Incumbents Representative Frank Annunzio Democrat of Illinois, have decided against running in largely unfamiliar territory or opposing another



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# Ease the Afghan Endgame

condition for an end to Afghanistan's over Kabul, where the government presdragged out war was the ouster of Major General Najibullah, the detested former secret police chief whom the Soviet army set up in power. Failing as a stooge, he sought in vain to reinvent himself as an upholder of Afghan unity and stability. Now, denied all external support, forced to resign by his own army and holed up in the regime's last redoubt of Kabul, he is reduced to seeing to his personal retreat (to India) under the

auspices of the United Nations. Kabul itself is the scene of a fateful political exercise. Offered the services of a UN mediator to make a safe and orderly transition to post-Najibullah rule, the various resistance factions appear to have cho-sen a do-it-yourself model instead. That could yet mean heavy further strife among groups divided by ethnic, tribal and religious passions and their leaders' personal ambitions. But it could also advance an authentically Afghan method of consultation that seems already to have produced a largely peaceful transition in many cities. Especially important is the effort by the leading resistance commander. Ahmed

The guerrillas always said the essential Shah Masoud, to hold back from taking ence withers by the day, in favor of a consensus liberation. Certainly the guerrillas, reclaiming a broken country, have reason to confound the familiar stereotype of Afghan bloody-mindedness.

For many in Afghanistan, the endgame comes down to a matter of personal survival or ethnic advantage. Yet the great ques-tion is whether the war is leaving any deeper sense of a single nation whose parts are bound up in a common fate, ideally a democratic one. During the war the various parties and their foreign supporters, including the United States, almost inevitably cultivated one group or another. This is the way it has always been in Afghanistan. But with the onset of what deserves to become a sturdy and extended international commitment to healing, there should be a tight check on playing to ethnic favorites for strategic or other purposes of foreign design. Aid must be magnanimous. It must also be based on the earned tribute and shared need of all of Afghanistan's citizens who contributed to the anti-Soviet cause. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

# To Close the Wealth Gap

compensation packages paid to corporate executives. Congress wants to squeeze higher taxes out of millionaires. The Democrat Bill Clinton incites voters with his favorite statistic: The richest 1 percent of families got 60 percent of the increase in average family income between 1977 and 1989. The actual figure. 70 percent, is even more startling. Historically, income gaps between the rich and poor have stayed fairly constant from one generation to the next. But in the 1980s all that changed dramatically.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the richest 20 percent of families took more than 100 percent of the growth in average family income. How could that be? The bottom 40 percent of the population actually lost ground. Even after correction or adjustment, the CRO figures keep showing the same thing: In the last 15 years the rich have grown a lot richer.

How did so few capture so much? Some people, like Mr. Clinton, blame Republican callousness in the Reagan-Bush years. or congressional subservience to special interests. But those explanations do not explain this massive inequality. It spurted in the 1970s, when Jimmy Carter was president. Meanwhile, similar trends showed up in Europe and Canada.

Others blame foreign competition and the shift of production from manufacturing, with lots of high-paying blue-collar jobs, to service industries. But this argument is contradicted by data showing that most of the growing income inequality occurred within individual manufacturing and service industries, even those immune from foreign competition.

Yes, during the 1980s the stock market tripled and inflation-adjusted interest rates hit unprecedented levels, all favoring the rich. But wages and salaries account for more than three-quarters of family income - and for most of the growing difference between rich and poor.

Between 1939 and 1975, the wage gap between high- and low-skilled workers of the population gets richer, too. barely changed. During the 1980s the gap

On all sides, rich Americans are under attack. Shareholders want revenge for huge graduates with a few years of work experigraduates with a few years of work experience were earning about 30 percent more than high school graduates; 10 years later the gap was 60 percent.

Economists are increasingly persuaded that this rising inequality cannot be explained by anything as simple as greed, politics or foreigners. They look to something more deeply ingrained in modern in-dustrialized economies. Call it technology, for short. The days when high school dropouts could earn high wages in manufacturing are gone. Modern economies more than ever require educated, skilled labor.

That explanation ought to jolt people out of traditional remedies. For one thing, tinkering with tax rates to favor the poor will not accomplish much. Studies show that even if Congress were prepared to jack up tax rates on the rich greatly while cutting taxes for the poor, the impact on income inequality would be trivial.

But government need not watch helplessly as income differences widen; it can act to narrow them. Consider the example of Canada, It experienced similar inequality trends in the 1980s, but it beefed up its antipoverty programs and kept the poverty rate flat. In the United States the rate rose,

The modern industrial economy is calling out for skilled, educated workers. Government knows how to answer that call - and thus knows how to counter the widening income gap. The right way for Congress to respond is to promote the education of sophisticated workers. That means massive new commitments to Head Start, to primary and secondary education, to training high school dropouts and welfare mothers, to more higher education of different kinds,

to workplace training.

Like other Democrats, Mr. Clinton is not bashful about bashing the rich. But his program nonetheless resonates because it turns on just such investments in people. One need not be a Clinton partisan to recognize that it is in every American's interest to create a new economic reality, one in which the rest

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### A Barbaric Conclusion

The execution of Robert Alton Harris early Tuesday morning in California came at the end of a cruel and grotesque night. Convicted of the 1978 murder of two teenagers. Mr. Harris had spent 13 years appealing his sentence in state and federal courts. He had won reprieves four times during the last hours of his life, but each time, after transcontinental pleadings and urgent petitions to the U.S. Supreme Court throughout the night, the stays were lifted. At one point he was strapped into the death chair for 12 minutes before being released on the order of an appellate court, only to return two hours later after the last appeal failed.

Every detail of the scene has been reported, from his final words foretelling his imminent dance "with the Grim Reaper" to a second-by-second recounting of every grimace and convulsion seen during the 19 minutes it took him to die. This was California's first execution in a quarter of a century.

According to opinion polls, a majority of Americans react with satisfaction when a terrible killer is executed. We find ourselves in that shrinking minority that is repelled by the spectacle and unalterably opposed to it.

We believe it is wrong, wrong even when it is applied to a particularly unsympathetic convict such as Mr. Harris. He deserved to be imprisoned for life, and that would have been just in light of his offenses. But the grisly, official, sanctioned and witnessed

death that was his end was barbaric. Thirty-six states have enacted capital pun-ishment statutes since 1976, when the Supreme Court reinstituted the penalty. But only about half have actually executed anyone; most of those are in the South. Proponents of the penalty see a breakthrough now as California begins to execute its prisoners. The largest state has now broken a taboo and will presumably turn next to the remaining 328 convicts awaiting execution there. More than 2,500 are on death row around the country, and the pace of executions will probably pick up. In this climate it is more important than ever that Congress preserve the right to federal habeas corpus review, insist that states provide competent counsel throughout the appellate process and stand fast against expanding the

death penalty to dozens of federal crimes. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

### Other Comment

### Serbia Won't Be Impressed

Western states are starting to lose patience with Serbia, but what might the consequences be? The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe might suspend the membership of Yugoslavia. But Yugoslavia has collapsed. A suspension of diplomatic relations would have more effect, but the West will decide on this step only at the end of May, if at all. By then the Serbian army will have crushed Bosnia-Herzegovina.

- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

### A Cruel Farce in California

[Tuesday's] dreadful black farce on Cali-fornia's Death Row did no service to those who plead the cause of capital punishment. The panoply of judicial execution is always ugly. Yet the saga of a man being strapped in a chair in the gas chamber, then removed after a court granted a stay of execution, then returned to die two hours later after a higher court overturned the earlier stay created a monstrous parody of justice.

- The Daily Telegraph (London).

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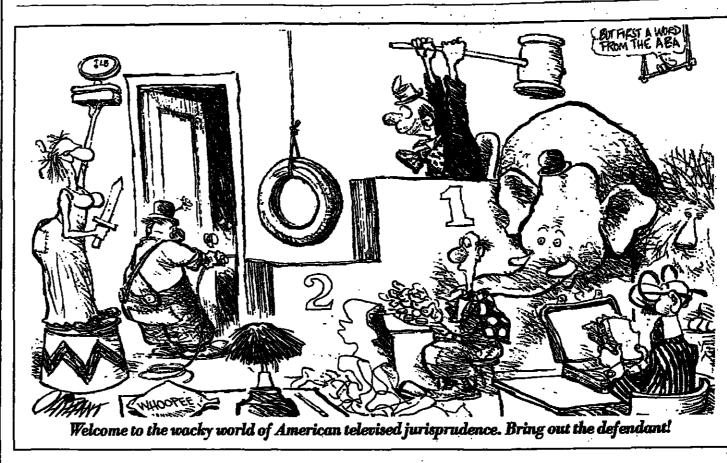
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### **OPINION**



# Stopping Halfway Along the Road to a New Order

W ASHINGTON — The collapse of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia has loosed upon the world 20 new fragile nation-states. Iraq, another imperfect creation of 20th century political engineers, totters toward disintegration while

Ethiopia and Somalia deconstruct themselves. All this change can sound like a script for a New World Disorder rather than for the harmonious global arrangement under American lead-ership that President George Bush sketched a year ago as the Gulf War ended.

But there may be a silver lining. This cloud of immediate turmoil and regrettable human suffer-

### U.S. willingness to help define an international right to intervene is a praiseworthy innovation.

ing should force the world community to reassess a prevailing view of national sovereignty that has contributed to these disasters.

New economic and political currents sweeping the world are rapidly eroding the post-1917 notion that states and superstates can be willed into existence by a ruling elite and imposed indefinitely on a subdued population and the world communi-

ty as part of a grand historical process.

The Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Iraq were created out of the ruins of World War I as antitheses of the nation-state. Lenin's theories of dictatorship, Wilsonian self-determination and British colonial policy all created overarching superstructures that were to contain and eventually eliminate tribal or national conflicts. After World War II, the ideology of national

By Jim Hoagland

liberation powered a similar optimism about the ability of the modern state to remake its citizens. In the era of decolonization, scores of Third World states gained independence and ran up their flags at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

But political sovereignty so casually granted to geographic entities with neither national cohesion nor the economic resources to create and sustain that cohesion turned out to be fool's gold. The flags fluttering over the East River provide cold comfort for the deepening poverty and insecurity that mark everyday life in the former Soviet Union, in Africa and in most of Asia today.

Individual officials in the Bush administration have recognized the deep currents of change sweeping the international order. Partly through their efforts and partly because of events, America today supports in three different cases the duty of the United Nations to intervene in what were once considered the internal affairs of member states.

Through Security Council resolutions, Iraq's citizens have been formally promised UN protection from Saddam Hussein's murderous regime. Sanctions have been imposed on Libya for refusing to turn over two of its citizens accused of master-minding the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. In the Yngoslav crisis, the central authorities in Belgrade were maneuvered into accepting UN peacekeeping forces in their fragmenting country.

Admittedly, the Bush administration has been

selective in its outrage, sparing China and other serious human rights abusers for dubious reasons. But its willingness to help define an international right to intervene and to see it used in these specific cases is a praiseworthy innovation.

Washington's senior policymakers do not seem, however, to have thought through the implications and consequences of this new collective interventionism. On key points, Washington stops halfway and sale here to have the words

and risks bringing about the worst of all worlds.

The United States says it is committed to maintaining Iraq's territorial integrity. But its deeds increase the pressures for an uncontrolled dismemberment of the artificial creation that brought unwilling Kurds into the same state structure as rival Arab Sunni and Shiite Muslims.

While providing protection for the Kurds and the independent elections they will hold soon, the United States also enforces economic sanctions that reduce the Sunnis to misery and despair. Saddam is left in place and free to persecute the Saiites. What precious little national fabric existed to unite the three groups in the past is being ground into bits. When it comes, Iraq's breakup will be seen as a result of U.S. action, not of natural internal forces. In Yngoslavia, the Bush administration declined

a request from the United Nations to contribute a small number of U.S. troops to the peacekeeping unit for symbolic effect. The proposal had the support of UN mediator Cyrus Vance and would have matched a contribution of troops by Russia. The election-year anxieties of President Bush and Secretary of State Jim Baker prevailed. The American answer was no. An opportunity to enhance UN credibility and to demonstrate U.S. commitment to effective interventionism was missed.

America's promising beginning in pressing the international community to intervene against desperado regimes will wither away if it becomes too selective and halfhearted. That will leave the field clear for desperados and a New World Disorder that they would promote.

# Sorcerer's Apprentices Conjure Serbian Calamity

PARIS — The present Serbian government's program to make a "greater" Serbia, incorporating large parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as of Croatia, seems on its way to

success. There is no one to stop it. The Serbian-dominated ex-federal army is the principal military force in ons. The newly arrived United Nations peacekeeping force and the European Community's observers are being brushed aside. Neither have the means or the mission to fight Serbia.

The Serbs' reward will be a big, economically crippled Serbian-Montenegrin union facing the prospect of in-surrection by 1.2 million Albanians in Kosovo, whom the Serbian authorities now dominate and oppress. The union will be surrounded by pillaged neigh-bors, their hatred of Serbia recklessly

By Alan C. Lerner

WASHINGTON — Official

presidents are scrambling to come

up with credible plans to stimulate

the American economy. Inevitably, the debate goes to the budget defi-cit and its relationship to GNP.

But what really matters is the im-

pact of the deficit on the capital markets, where private and public

borrowers compete with the feder-

To gauge its potential for driving

up interest rates and impeding the economy, the deficit should be mea-

sured against the domestic personal

savings pool, which underwrites all forms of debt, ranging from Trea-sury and corporate borrowing to home mortgages. Here, the numbers

are truly alarming.
During the 1970s, the deficit as a

percentage of personal savings aver-

aged 38 percent. It soared to 117 percent in the 1980s, topped 160 percent in 1991, and in 1992 will

likely reach 225 percent. Obviously, the United States no

longer has a large enough pool of

domestic savings to meet the financing needs of a healthy private eco-

nony in tandem with a burgeoning

federal deficit. Even in a meander-

ing economy with modest private credit demands, the domestic bond

market is feeling the pinch. Long-

term interest rates in the United States are considerably higher than

the tempo of the economy and infla-

tion would seem to indicate, Finan-

cial market participants and bor-

rowers are getting a preview of the future: a worldwide capital shortage and high real rates of interest.

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scarcity in the mid to late 1980s was

a bounteous influx of funds from

foreign investors, who filled the say-

ings gap by purchasing billions of dollars of U.S. government securi-

What kept interest rates from

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Washington and would-be

reawakened, awaiting revenge. This new state will be isolated internationally. It already suffers economic and diplomatic sanctions imposed by all the democracies. It will be deprived of all successor rights pertaining to the former state of Yugoslavia. It will have squandered the sympathies of the Allied powers of both world wars. unce Serbia's allies.

What an achievement for Slohodan Milosevic and his government — who told their fellow Serbs that "with an irredentism and expansionism is prologue to a national catastrophe. When Washington took the initia-

tive last week to propose Serbia's ex-pulsion from the Conference on Secu-

ties. That is not apt to be repeated in the 1990s. Foreign investors are not

as flush as they once were. At the

same time, the triumph of market-

oriented economic philosophies all

over the world is accelerating the

The United States, as a parti-

cularly low-saving, high-borrowing country, is at a disadvantage in the

worldwide competition for funds, especially when the global economy

picks up. The dearth of foreign sav-

ings pools to tap mean that real

intermediate and long-term interest rates in the United States will re-

main high for a number of years and

The economic climate of the past

year and the imprudence of adding

to the deficit have dictated the use

of monetary policy as almost the

sole recovery tool, and its limita-

tions have been obvious. The Feder-

al Reserve Board has lowered short-

cited by either political party as a

will constrain economic growth.

demand for investment capital.

The U.S. Budget Deficit

Should Alarm America

us there is no uncertainty"! There is none, indeed: This victory for Serbi-

Europeans' past claims to a share in international leadership. In practice, the effort unfortunately demonstrated the Community's incapacity to conduct a common foreign policy on any matter where the European governments have divergent views and where public opinion is divided. This was the case on initial recognition of

Europe's failure combined with American diffidence to embolden the Serbian leadership and feed their illusion that the Western countries were once more divided by power rivalries and aggressive ambitions. ("France has abandoned Serbia because it fears losing Alsace-Lorraine," a Serbian university professor said last week, in all seriousness, to a French reporter in Sarajevo.) Thus the shock produced in Belgrade by the U.S. change of policy and the support it received throughout Western Europe.

term borrowing costs 21 times in the past 32 months, and the results to date are disappointing. Fiscal policy, not monetary policy, works best in spurring a weak economy, particularly a servicedominated economy such as America's. Service companies generally borrow less heavily than inventoryladen manufacturing firms and thus respond less to lower borrowing costs. But when budgets are out of control, the use of countercyclical fiscal measures is severely inhibited. The lackluster economy and a presidential election year are generating a variety of proposals to spur activity. But the federal deficit the "D" word - is almost never

major deterrent to a healthy capital They believed in national self-demarket, lower long-term interest rates and economic growth. The writer is managing director of Global Markets Economics Bankers Trust Company. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

By William Pfaff rity and Cooperation in Europe if its aggression does not halt it was an overdue change in American policy, although Washington's reluctance until now to take such a step was comprehensible, U.S. Ambassador Warren Zimmermann and the Department of

State kept up their dialogue with the Milosevic government in the belief that they might save Serbia and its neighbors from the catastrophe that Lebanon has undergone.

Leaving the diplomatic lead with the European Community until now was also a sensible U.S. policy, given the nature of the affair and the West

the breakaway Yugoslav republics of Slovenia and Croatia, and then on the question of intervention.

Washington has a historical responsibility in this affair. Yugoslavia as it existed until last year was the work of a number of 19th and early 20th century reformers among the South Slav peoples themselves, who believed that their individual nations, freed from Ottoman and Hapsburg power, should be united. Their ideas were adopted by the Americans who drafted Allied policy on Balkan political frontiers after the first world war. This informal committee of Ameri

cans was drawn from the secret policy planning group called The Inquiry, convened in October 1917 by President Woodrow Wilson. The committee worked with maps and tables of ethnic population distribution to es-tablish borders for the new nations. It was composed of Walter Lippmann, then a young journalist; Sidney Mezes, president of the City College of New York, a philosopher of religiou; David Hunter Miller, a New York lawyer and the head of the American Geographical Society, Isaiah Bowman. Mr. Mezes was the brother-in-law of President Wilson's foreign policy adviser. Colonel Edward House. Mr. Miller was the law partner of Colonel House's son-in-law.

termination, but also thought there should be a democratic federation of the new nations to take the place of the Hapsburg and Ottoman systems: (This, in the event, was opposed by Thomas Masaryk, who wanted a fully independent Czechoslovakia.) The planners believed — as the British

historian A. J. P. Taylor has said that "Serbs, Croats and Slovenes would merge into Yugoslavia as Prussizns. Saxons and Bavarians had

merged into Germany."

However, the internal frontiers of contemporary Yugoslavia were not drawn by well-meaning outsiders but by officials of Tito's revolutionary government, among them Milovan Dillas, afterward a celebrated dissident writer and political theorist. He and his colleagues did their best to draw lines in communities of hopelessly intermingled ethnic composi-tion, Bosnia-Herzegovina being the most dramatic case of communal complexity. They understood that the permanence of their arrangements depended entirely upon tolerance and goodwill among the people who

made up Yugoslavia.

But the idea of the ethnic nation has once again proven not only de-structive but self-destructive. The struggle for ethnic purity and domination inevitably turns everyone else against the nation which claims the ethnic advantage.

The Serbs' enemies surround them

and will never go away. Croats and Serbs, however much they hate and butcher one another, are condemned to live together. There is nothing either can do about it. Their only choice is whether to live at war or in peace.

The crime of this Serbian govern-ment, in which the Croatian leadership was last year its fellow-in-crime, is to have wantonly and, above all, stupidly destroyed the fragile accommodation of the Yugoslav peoples to one another. The truce imposed after World War II lasted for 46 years, until last year. These leaders who have destroyed it will eventually have an account to pay, and they will have to pay it first of all to their own peoples, whose condition they have ned in the ignoble attempt to dominate the others.

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# Why Bash Moscow for Nothing?

By Paul H. Nitze

7 ASHINGTON - On April 9 George Bush sent a letter to the U.S. Congress accusing the new defunct Soviet government of violating the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treay of

1972. His charge is patently false.
This disregard for the American government of the American government. ernment. It raises disturbing questions about whether the administration is needlessly bashing a former enemy lo political gain in an election year.

The claim comes in the yearly report on "Soviet Noncompliance With Arms Control Agreements." Reflecting the demise of the Soviet Union, it addresses "arms control compliance cases that resulted from conditions created by actions undertaken by the

former Soviet government."
The report, which covers 1991, excludes the newly independent states that were created late last year. But perhaps in a warning to the Russian government, the section on the ABM Treaty makes a point of noting that large phased-array radars probably send data to the anti-ballists massic accountable and defeating the perhaps and defeating the perhaps are personally and the perhaps are personally and personally are personally are personally and personally are personally and personally are personally are personally and personally are per system surrounding and defeading Moscow, enabling that system to find and lock in on incoming missiles.

Phased-array radar enables a ne-

work of detectors to track many me-siles simultaneously. The presidents report says: "The ABM Treaty is not explicit with regard to this activity. Nevertheless, this Soviet activity is clearly not consistent with the way the United States has interpreted its own compliance under the ABM Treaty. Consequently, the Soviet activity rases questions of, at least, inequitable ap-plication of treaty limitations and potentially, of a significant violation of fundamental treaty provisions."

In fact, the Soviet "activity" cited

has been known to Washington since 1970 and is fully consistent with the ABM Treaty, as the negotiating record makes clear. Furthermore, the United States did exactly the same thing when it had an operational ARM system. and it would do so again if and when it deployed anti-ballistic missiles. Negotiating limits on large phased

array radars was one of my responsbilities as a member of the delegation to the strategic arms limitation talks that produced the ABM Treaty. Early in the negotiations I proposed a provision that would have precluded conmunications of data from phased-array radars to ABM systems. This proposal was dropped, not only because the Soviet Union resisted it but more important, because the Pentagos wanted to transfer data that way.

The administration's claim that he treaty is "not explicit" is therefore highly disingenuous. The negotiating record is explicit: The radar-ABM link is allowed. As for the claim that it is "clearly not consistent with the way the United States has interpreted its own compliance," in 1975 the United States passed data from its phaselarray radars to the ABM system at Grand Forks, North Dakota,

The claim of "inequitable application of treaty limitations" is absent. The United States stopped transfer-ring data to its ABM system whea it shut it down - a decision that the Soviets were under no obligation to match. More important, the inequita ble application" is legally meaningless; it tries to concoct a wholly new standard for treaty compliance by implying that a party to a treaty must not only abide by its provisions but must do so the way the other party does.

Thus, the Bush administration's charge that the activity was potentially "a significant violation of fundamental treaty provisions" is outrageously false and reckless. Why would the ad-ministration, which surely knows the truth, distort it so egregiously? Perhaps it sees beating up on an enemy that no longer exists as a cost-free way to appeal to conservatives.

Beyond that, some in the adminis tration have an ambitious goal. For years, SDI supporters have emphasized Soviet noncompliance with the ABM Treaty as justification for U.S. abrogation of the treaty, which they seek in order to remove all constraints on "star wars." They can use the new charge to promote their campaign.

There are times when a government must be less than truthful. For example, it can save lives by denying the existence of plans for military opera-tions. But this is not one of those times. In 1983, Ronald Reagan properly damned the Soviet regime as one that would lie or cheat to further its cause. The Bush administration risks stooping to its former enemy's level.

The writer, a former arms negotiator, is diplomat in residence at the John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Intrigue in Egypt PARIS -- The Ottoman Sultan re-

cently received a whipping from England. He sent a Firman to the Khedive; England would not even allow it to be read. Any ruler who put up with these insults quietly might as well retire at once. But Abdul Hamid was not disposed to take his punishment "lying down." He made up his quarrel with the deposed and banished Khedive, Ismail Pasha, Imagine the astonishment of Ismail, who atthe instigation of England and France was deposed, when all of sudden the Sultan himself stops at his door. The Sultan would be in his nights restoring him to the thrown and deposing the new ruler. Is England really prepared to fight for Egypt?

1917: Spain's Neutrality AMSTERDAM - In an article on Spain's attitude to the torpedoing of her ships, the Kölnische Zeitung whose official inspiration is well

known, admits fear for Spain's neu-trality. "We seek only to be on friendly terms and we hope that Spain will not, for the sake of a few boatloads of coal, break off relations with us and range herself beside America."

1942: Gleeful Escapee

LONDON - From our New York edition: Anthony Haden Guest, who at four and a half is the youngest prisoner of war ever known to escape from the Germans, held a press conference today [April 22] and took a few liberties as is understandable in a young man who has spent months that in escaping from the Germans in France she had to keep him druged for four days to prevent his hogging from giving them away. Then Antho ny disappeared under the table and laughed gleefully as he pinched the ankles of the women reporters.

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Earth Summit: Evading the Population Challenge

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most certainly spells the difference cial responsibility for the needed viding, for most people, a reasonviding, for most people, a reason-able standard of living in some denied the need for such policies. harmony with nature.

From the start of preparations for emerged. Environmental stress, it the United Nations meeting, the recognized, is equally determined Group of 77 developing countries by how many people there are, how wanted to focus attention else- much each person consumes and

changes that even countries with Slowly, however, a fragile consensus

fore requires controlling both population and what has come to be called overconsumption. The term was never clearly defined. To some it merely required a

benign and obviously desirable effort to develop less polluting technologies and reduce economic disparities between North and South, creating new markets and overall economic growth. To others, including the Bush administration. the suggestion that life-styles might need to change in the North was flatly unacceptable.

When, in the final negotiating session, the United States moved to delete all references to consumption in the North, the Group of 77 retaliated by deleting references to the urgency of slowing population growth. That opened the way for extremely aggressive and effective lobbying by the Holy Sec. The fate of the population language was sealed, ironically, by representa-

tives of women. Feminist health groups, along with some women's groups in developing countries and representa-tives of minority women in the United States, have long been antagonistic to population control because they believe it jeopardizes women's health, is disguised genocide or places blame on women (the only producers of babies), who instead should be seen as victims of a male-dominated society.

Although they believe that wom-en's poverty and powerlessness are directly tied to uncontrolled fertility and that poverty and environmental degradation go hand in hand, ideology leads this small but noisy group to deny what they

lation pressures) are to blame."

Politically correct environmentalists, these women insist, should talk about health, education and broad development issues. The inevitable, though unintended, result of constantly downplaying the importance of family planning is to encourage governments that already are mclined to do so to avoid the issue.

The Rio meeting is not the end of the line. But the failure of governments - alas, particularly America's - to come to grips with the core issue of how many people can be sustained with what patterns of consumption must be accounted a costly defeat that will delay urgently needed action. Less understandable is the

wedge that is being driven, wholly unnecessarily, between environ-mentalists and women's groups. Of course population and the planet's environmental future are linked. There is no magic number of people the Earth can support. That will depend on our collective wealth, wisdom and degree of social justice. But there are limits of capital and technology as well as natural resources - and in many places present rates of population growth are testing them.

Women's and environmentalists' sbort-term priorities differ, but their long-term interests are identical. Both have urgent reasons to adopt the goal that every woman on the planet who wants to space or limit the number of her children have the safe and affordable means to do so.

The writer, vice president of World Resources Institute, contributed this comment to The Washington Post,

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# Calcutta Will Survive the Movie

WASHINGTON — Hollywood is hoping that Americans will flock to a film about a place they wouldn't ordinarily spend two hours thinking about. If Calcuttans had had their way, The City of Joy." based on Dom-inique Lapierre's 1986 best-seller about poverty and piety in the

city, might never have been made. Its director, Roland Joffe, has been quoted as saying he had an easier time making "The Killing

MEANWHILE Fields" on the Cambodian border and "The Mission" in the

Colombian jungle. His crew faced a variety of forms of protest, from lawsuits to, in one episode, bombs thrown on the set. A Bengali reporter covering the picketing died after allegedly being beaten by two of Mr. Joffe's assistants. The courts kept the crew's cameras idle for months before allowing restricted public filming on holidays.

The protesters were angry about the film's focus on the city's despair and degradation. The filmmakers point out, not unreasonably, that these do exist.

Calcuttans dread yet another depiction of poverty, prostitution and urban squalor unleavened by any acknowledgment that their city has for more than two centuries been India's cultural capital, a metropolis of art galleries, avantgarde theaters and overflowing bookshops, whose coffeehouse waiters speak knowledgeably of

Godard and Truffaut. The filmmakers say that may be true, but that is not what their film is about: It is about poverty and suffering and death - all of which can be found in good measure in Calcutta's slums — and about the resilience of the human spirit. They see their work as a tribute

In East Asia even modern trading

is based on tradition.

By Shashi Tharoor

to Calcutta, a city of misery that is nonetheless a city of joy. Those who want them to turn their cameras on the other Calcutta, Mr. Joffe says, are only trying to camoutlage the painful reality.

Perhaps — but whose reality? Mr. Lapierre's book was burned by those he wrote about, the residents of the slum of Pilkhana. Even those who do not condone the violence and extremism of some of the protesters sympathize with their objections.

Westerners are going to munch popeorn in air-conditioned theaters as they stare at flickering images of dying Indian babies. This is a new kind of voyeurism.

And do not forget the racism: In the book and in the film, the Indians are poor wretches who need cinegenic whites to give them succor. Calcutta does not matter for itself; it is merely the backdrop for the beatification of an Irish nun and the self-realization of an American doctor (played by Patrick Swayze of

The more thoughtful protesters say they would have no problem with a different film on the same subject. They are proud of Indian directors, like Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghatak and Mrinal Sen, who have made vivid films on Bengali poverty.

Neither Mr. Lapierre nor Mr. Joffe, this argument goes, feels such empathy.

It is a persuasive case, passionately argued by Calcuttan intellectuals, among them my wife. And yet I find myself deeply ambivalent. As an Indian. I do not particularly relish what Mr. Lapierre did in his book; I am re-minded of Mahatma Gandhi. 60 dia," by the American traveler Katharine Mayo. "a drain-inspector's report.

As a writer, though, I am troubled by my Calcuttan friends' implicit condoning of censorship; they seem to be saving to Mr. Lapierre and Mr. Joffe: This is our poverty; you cannot depict it. I cannot accept that.

I cannot accept the notion that the suffering of the Third World's underclass is not a fit subject for First World filmmakers, I am aware that in aiming at a Western audience. Mr. Joffe framed his story from the perspective of the outsiders, just as Candice Bergen got more footage in the film Gandhi" than a dozen Indian figures with a greater claim to a share in the Mahatma's life.

The Indian poor will be the objects of Mr. Joffe's lens, rather than its subjects: "The City of Joy" will be less their story than Patrick Swavze's, Like the Calcutta protesters. I resent that, but unlike them, I am willing to pay the price. I am willing to risk a bad, even exploitative. film in defense of the principle that Mr. Joffe has as much right to make a film about India as I have to set my next novel in America.

And just as Candice Bergen's presence belped get Gandhi's message to a vast new audience. Mr. Joffe's film can do far more to make the West's rich aware of the East's poor than the more authentic films of Third World directors, which will not garner any Academy Awards or reach a fraction of the audience that The City of Joy will.

The writer is author of "The Great Indian Novel." His upcoming novel, "Show Business," deals with the world of India's popular cinema. He contributed this comyears earlier, calling "Mother Inment to The Washington Post

# Women Don't Want Your 'Control'

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We came with a consensus Women's Action Agenda developed by 1,500 women from 83 countries who participated in a World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet, held in Miami last November.

As co-chair of the Women's Envi-ABM system i comment and Development Organiconference. I was present every day and long into the nights throughout the five-week PrepCom session. We sought to influence its policy recommendations by loobying for amendBy Bella Abzug

The writer, a lawyer and former U.S. confresh woman from New York, is a senior policy adviser to Secretary General Maurice Strong of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

ments based on our Women's Action Agenda. The women's caucus was generally acknowledged to have been the most visible and effective force among the many nongovernmental groups there.

Jessica Mathews charges hudicrously that women at the PrepCom scaled the fate of the population language, and she attributes this to irrational antagonism to "popula-tion control." If she had been present, she would have learned that "population control" terminology is as outdated as the dinosaur and unacceptable to those who believe in democratic procedures.

Women reject the concept of "control" of their bodies by governments and international institutions, with its connotations of China's forced one-baby-per-family quota system, forced sterilization of women in Latin America and of Native American women in the United States, misuse of Third World women as uninformed subjects for experimental contraceptives, and the Bush administration's relentless effort to deprive American women of free choice.

Women believe that the "morally correct" position is to defend women's health and reproductive rights and freedom to "control" their own bodies. We seek government and economic policy changes to ensure that half the world's population are assured of their basic rights to survival, to the food, shelter, health care, information and full access to the whole range of family planning services they need to make informed decisions about family size.

Rising birthrates in Third World countries are directly related to poverty, lack of education and health

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facilities and oppressive cultural traditions that demean women. When the Group of 77 develop-

ing countries moved to delete all references to population and famity planning in retaliation for the U.S. move to drop references to overconsumption, we were out-raged. We issued a public statement attacking the use of women's concerns "as pawns in the negotiating process," and accused the governments of "playing dangerous games at the expense of women and the earth."

We held two meetings with the head of the Group of 77 and other government leaders. We organized a plenary session of nongovernment organizations and delegates at which women speakers presented their views, as did Dr. Nalis Sadik, director of the UN Population Fund. As a result, the population and family planning language that had been deleted was restored.

Until the very last session of the PrepCom, we sought to have stronger language in support of popula-tion growth concerns, access to family planning and women-managed facilities. Opposition from the Holy See and the delegations from Colombia. Argentina, Tunisia, the Philippines and other countries prevented us from getting the precise language we fought for.

What we did get, among other positive statements, was a recommendation that governments establish and strengthen "preventive and curative health facilities, which include women-centered, women-managed, safe and effective reproductive health care and affordable, accessible services, as appropriate, for the responsible nning of family services, in keeping with freedom, dignity and personally held values." We had urged stronger language.

which was contained in the forward-looking strategies, and we still prefer it. We will continue our efforts through Rio and beyond. The Washington Post.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **Words and Pictures**

Regarding "America: What's This About Dumb Kids?" (Meanwhile, April 16) by Leonard Steinhorn:

The writer assures us that we need not worry about America's cultural illiteracy because the images promulgated by the new computer technology are conveying counties insights and ideas more efficiently than words."

What is puzzling about such optimism is its confidence that inten-

sive imagery can substitute for the analytical and figurative language that has produced the very insights and ideas that the new imagery supposedly conveys with such success. If, as the author tells us, "savvy" and "popular culture" are the principal benefits of the new tech-

nology, then we have the measure of his idea of insights and ideas.

Barter and folklore predate what we call civilization. Some may find it disturbing that our new technology is justified by its passionate Combrace of cultural primitivism.

PETER BRIER. Hamburg.

Mr. Stemhom's brilliant article offers the European reader much more insight into the American mind than many of your in-depth reports. Knowing that the author is a former congressional speech writer, I suddenly understand everything: the American debt, the breakdown of General Motors, the spreading of drugs . . . It follows that I should waste less time in the future with all these words in the that he certain than the least that he certain that the least that the least than the least that the least least that the least leas International Herald Tribune and devote more to video games.

The writer's appraisal of culture "Why should young people read Proust when the marketplace rewards studious attention to MTV?") is a gem, almost convincing, beautiful in its utter stupidity. OLIVER NETTE.

Children raised on junk food, MTV and Nintendo games are to all intents and purposes dumb, unable to communicate effectively with anyone but their peers. Estranged by this "electronic"

cultural divide from their parents (themselves likely to be estranged from each other) and unable to communicate with their grandparents, they are hardly the "trendsetters" of society. Perhaps they would be better described as an evolutionary cul-de-sac.

A. M. FURSE Liverpool.

Beware of 'Macedonia' In response to the report "Without Fanfare or Warfare, Macedonia

Seeks Independence" (April 2):

These so-called Macedomans. predominantly Slavic peoples of different cultures, languages and religions, have never been a nation," a distinct ethnic entity. Tito created the pseudo-republic in 1944, naming it "Macedonia" to serve his designs, with Stalin's blessing, to extend his dominance to northern Greece - the ancient Macedonia of Philip, Alexander and Aristotle, a land no less Greek than Athens, Sparta or Delphi and thus gain access to the Aegean through the port of Thessaloniki,

an old dream of the Russian czars. Thanks to the Truman doctrine and the Marshall Plan, the Greek people succeeded in repelling Comnumist aggression, but at an extremely heavy toll in lives and devastation. What the Communists failed to do then, the newly emerged

leaders of so-called Macedonia are aspiring to achieve now. Use of the (Greek) name "Mac-

edonia" indicates pursuit of claims against parts of northern Greece (ancient Macedonia). Such claims are also expressed or implied in a recently adopted constitution and in numerous public statements.

Obviously there could be no objection by anyone to the forming of an independent state by the people of Skopje. But the world communi-ty should not tolerate a new troublemaker brandishing a stolen name as a banner for territorial claims against the one neighbor, Greece, from which it can expect full cooperation and much needed assistance to face its many and pressing problems.

CHRIS ZIOGAS. Geneva.

### Where the Taxes Go Regarding the editorial "Borrow

More to Grow" (April 2): The editorial states that bank

bailouts and interest payments are not a real drain on the U.S. economy. They "do little more than swap dollars from one set of taxpayer pockets to another." But increasing Medicare and Medicaid expenditures would, it is said, constitute a substantial drain.

Bank hailouts, which often cover uncollectible loans to Third World countries, constitute a transfer of taxpayer dollars to those countries; interest payments are also international. Medicare and Medicaid payments are transfers of taxpayer money to doctors and hospitals just the sort of swap from one U.S. pocket to another that was not considered a real drain.

MARIANNE RICH. Heemstede, Netherlands.

# Vietnam Pledges All-Out Assistance To U.S. on MIAs

2 HANOI — Victnam's Commumist Party chief told visiting U.S. senators on Wednesday that Hanoi would do everything necessary to help resolve the question of Americans still listed as missing from the Vietnam War.

"What we have here today is a clear breakthrough in the relationship," Senator Hank Brown, a Colorado Republican, said after four inembers of the Senate Select Committee on Prisoner of War Missing in Action Affairs met the Communist Party's general secretary, Do

-Muoi.

Mr. Muoi "gave us a commitment that he will provide us with the access we need to resolve this." said Senator Robert C. Smith, a New Hampshire Republican who is

vice-chairman of the committee.

The U.S. government lists 2,266 servicemen as unaccounted for in Indochina - 1,655 in Vietnam, 522 "in Laos, 83 in Cambodia and six in China. Some U.S. experts involved in tracking the fate of these men say privately that Washington

the missing-in-action issue is a condition for normalizing diplomatic relations and lifting a trade embargo imposed in 1964.

Mr. Smith, a previous opponent of normalization, said he would not object to it if Hanoi followed through on Mr. Muoi's commit-

Mr. Muoi asked the senators repeatedly to detail precisely what they wanted Vietnam to do so they could report back to the Senate that Hanoi was cooperating fully, the Senate committee's chairman, Senator John F. Kerry, a Massachasetts Democrat, said.

Mr. Kerry quoted Mr. Muot as saying, "We'll do anything we need to to resolve this issue." Mr. Kerry served on a gunbout in the Mekong Delta 19nd-09 The senators told Mr. Muoi that

the United States wanted free access to Vietnamese military ar-



LAST POST FOR THE GURKHAS — Troops of the 48th Gurklia Brigade marching away for the last time from their post on the Hong Kong-Chinese border on Wednesday. The frontier guard duty is turned over to units of Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

# Senator Sees Passage Of Bill Urging Some Hong Kong Autonomy pe

By Laurence Zuckerman

International Herald Tribune
HONG KONG — A bill giving United States support to Hong Kong's right to limited autonomy after it returns to China will become law this year, the chief sponsor of the measure predicted

Senator Mitch McConnell. Rebublican of Kentucky, said his
U.S.-Hong Kong Policy Act — opposed by the Chinese government
— now had broad support on Capitol Hill and would win White House endorsement once a requirement of an annual administration review is dropped.

"We are in the process of modifying that in a way that the president's support is virtually assured,"
Mr. McConnell told the American
Chamber of Commerce in Hong

Kong.
According to the Joint Declaration signed by Britain and China in 1984. Hong Kong is promised "a high degree of autonomy" in all areas except diplomatic relations and defense after it is returned to China in mid-1007. China in mid-1997.

tect American interests and to support the colony's future status by formally stating. Washington's right to make bilateral agreements with Hong Kong in areas such as commerce transportation culture and education. It also recognize Hong Kong's independent men-bership in various multilateral or

The bill does not mention of de mocracy or human rights and in mocracy of minian rights and re-mains scrupulously within the car-fines of the Joint Declaration signed by Beijirta Nevertheles. Chinese officials accuse Washing-ton of meddling in a matter that they insist is of sole concern to London and Beijing.

The White House which be been under attack for being too sol on China, waited months before i would even comment on the pro-

At a Senate hearing this month however, Richard H. Solomon, as sistant secretary of state for Fas Asian and Pacific Affairs, general supported the bill.

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### TOPICS

### Freddie the Dolphia May Have Drowned

Freddie, a bottlenose dolphin who made headlines last year when he was involved in a sex abuse court case, may have drowned in a fishing net, it was reported Wednesday in London.

Freddie disappeared from his home in Amble Harbor in northeast England six weeks ago. Three weeks later, fishermen found a drowning dolphin entan-

gled in their nets. It was probably Freddie, according to published accounts of a radio exchange between two fishing trawlers that had been overheard.
"You've got Freddie the dol-

phin," one trawlerman warned the other. "If you get that back there'll be a lynching."

In his five years in Amble Harbor. Freddie was the magnet for large numbers of tourists who came to swim alongside the friendly creature. One Ian was tried in court for indecent assault.

after people on a pleasure boat said they saw him fondling the dolphin's penis. The man was cleared after an expert testified that male dolpluns often extend their penises to swimmers the way a human extends an arm.

The reports are likely to bolster environmentalist protests against the use or tine-meshed nylon fishme nets that scoop up fish and anything else in their way.

### Netherlands to Tackle Growing Petty Crime

The Dutch Justice Ministry has launched a national campaign to rublicize stat penalties for people purchasing stolen goods, according to a ministry spokesman.

The compaign is meant to make it more difficult for thieves

to sell their goods by limiting the number of clients. It will feature television advertisements, leaflets and posters warning that "the buyer of the loot won't get away with it." As of May, receiving, possessing or selling stolen goods will carry a minimum fine of 400 guilders (\$215) and a maximum

Police figures show that about 900,000 thefts are registered each year. But the most common one,

the theft of bicycles, often goes unreported. Nearly a million bi-cycles are estimated stolen each year in the country of 15 million inhabitants and 12 million bicy-cles. Victims of bike thefts often "buy a stolen replacement," a spokesman for the national Cy-

cling Association said.

A bicycle thief risks about a week in prison, but up to now, the buyer of a stolen bike remained ree. The new measures will give local authorities more power to break through this vicious circle, the ministry spokesman said.

### Around Europe

A regatta of 82 sailing ships from 12 countries set out for America this week from Genoa, the home port of Christopher Columbus, to mark the 500th anniversary of the explorer's maiden voyage to the New World. The sailing ships "mill realize symbol. voyage to the New World. The sailing ships will realize symbol-ically the dream of the great Gen-oese navigator of reaching Amer-ica by setting sail from his own city," the Milan daily Corrier della Sera said First port of sell della Sera said. First port of call will be Cádiz, in Spain, the country that sponsored the adventure.

Russia is "falling far behind the civilized world in traffic safety,' according to Vladimir Fyodorov,

head of the Russian Interior Ministry's traffic police department.
Sixteen out of every 100 people
injured in car crashes die, he said, adding that the figure is several times higher than the 2 to 7 percent average for the rest of the world. He attributed the high death rate on poor road condi-tions, an inadequate ambulance service and lack of modern communications. "Accident reports in the West usually show large numbers of crashes with very few people killed," he said. "With us, it's the other way round."

A lovesick albatross that has been searching for a female mate in the wrong place for the last 20 years has once again returned to the Herma Ness cliffs on the northern tip of the Shetland Islands. The black-browed bird, with a 7-feet (2-meter) wingspan, spends his time isolated off the northern coast of Scotland, obviously unaware that the nearest breeding colonies are 8,000 miles (12,875 kilometers) away on the Falklands Islands. Albert, as the residents call him, has appeared at Herma Ness almost every spring since 1972.

Sytske Looijen



EXPRESSIVE EXPO '92 — A Maori tribesman performing a war dance at the New Zealand pavilion in Seville.

# Russia Offers to Sell **Atom Prowess to Seoul**

SEOUL - Russia has offered to sell South Korea advanced nuclear technology, including ways to ex-tend the life of nuclear power plants, a leading Russian nuclear expert said Wednesday.

"We can provide many advanced technologies for lower fees than the Western countries," said the nuclear expert, Nikolai N. Stepnoi, president of the Russian Nuclear Society, speaking at a news conference.

Mr.Stepnoi was in Seoul as a guest speaker at the seventh annual meeting of the Korea Atomic In-dustrial Forum and the Korea Nu-

He also met with South Korean officials. Mr. Stepnoi said that he offered to sell technology or conduct joint research with South Korea on certain projects, including extension of the life of nuclear power plants, and that South Korean officials had responded favor-

We can expect to make sub-

stantial achievements before logg.

Mr. Stepnoi said. His remarks in
Russian were translated into Konan by an interpreter.

South Korea relies heavily on nuclear power, obtaining nearly 50 percent of its electricity from mise nuclear power plants. Two more plants are under construction and several more are to be added by the year 2000.

No Russian technology has been used in any Korean plants so far. Fight used American ischnology and the other three French and

But now South Korea is mires ingly interested in Russian technology, which it considers competitive in both quality and price. Soul Korea recently decided to use Rmsian enriched uranium as fuel for

anounced that the director of the International Atomic Energy Agency would visit North Korea next month to inspect miclear sies

# Salvatore Ferragamo



# Pretender to Czar's Throne Dies in Miami at 74

New York Times Service

Vladimir Kirillovich Romanov, pretender to the extinct throne of Imperial Russia, died during a news conference in Miami on Tuesday. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Komanov. a and duke and direct descendant of Czar Alexander II, who ruled from 1855 to. 1881, was in Miami for a speech he was to give Wednesday before a forum of civic and business leaders. He was at a bank, being interviewed by Spanish-language re-porters, when he fell unconscious.

Mr. Romanov was pronounced dead at Mercy Hospital. A hospital spokeswoman could not provide a cause of death His father was Kirill Vladimiro-

vich Romanov, a second cousin of the last Czar, Nicholas II, who abdicated during the revolution. Mr. Romanov succeeded as head of the Romanov family in exile and as pretender when his father died in 1022

Carlos Assumpção, 63, president of Mação's Législative Assembly, died in a Hong Kong hospital on treated for pulmonary librosis. Vaino Limia, 71, anthor of "The Unknown Suddier" a novel dealing

He was born in Finland when it was part of the Czarist empire, but had lived in Brittany since the Romanovs went into exile after the

Mr. Romanov is survived by his wife of 44 years, Leonida Bagra-tion, of the former royal family of Georgia; his daughter Maria, a 38year-old Oxford graduate who lives in Madrid, and his grandson George, 11, of Madrid.

Unknown Soldier," a novel deali with Finland's war with the Soviel Union, died Tuesday in Helsinki. Kang Keeing, 81, vidow of mar-shal Chu Teh and one of the few women who went on the Chinese Communists' Long March in 1934, died Wednesday in Beijing. She was 81\_

Edward F. Fry. 56, an art historian, a curator and a critic who specialized in 20th-century art. died Friday of a heart attack at his home in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania.

week before two state polls in

which rightist parties made unex-

pectedly strong gains.

Visibly angered, the chancellor snapped to reporters at the time:

"It is up to me as chancellor to

decide whom I meet here in Mu-

Although described as informal. the meeting was the first time that Mr. Waldheim had been received by a Western leader since being shunned over accusations about his

wartime role in the Balkans.



Romanov, born

# Bonn Distributes Israeli Article Defending Kohl

BONN — The German govern-

ment, apparently still smarting from Jewish criticism of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, on Wednesday distributed an Israeli press article defending him against the World Jew-

ish Congress.

The Jerusalem Post article, written by the Nazi hunter Simon Wiewho asked not to be named, said senthal and two other prominent Jews, attacked the World Jewish Congress for criticizing Mr. Kohl last month after he met President

The Federal Press Office, the agency that took the rare step of translating and distributing the article, said it wanted only to provide background material on an impor-

that Mr. Kohl wanted it publicized to support his position in the heated exchange with the World Jewish

### **Big Apple Predicts a Shiny Budget**

York City will end this fiscal year with a substantial surplus and will not have to borrow to help balance next year's budget, according to city officials.

turnaround from the budget trauma that has so dominated the first half of Mayor David N. Diakins's term. Aides said the surplus could

NEW YORK (NYT) - New total more than \$200 million by the end of the fiscal year June 30. The surplus is a result of a num-

ber of factors, including stabilizing city tax revenues, some deep spendty officials.

The news represented a major 5150 million general reserve fund, a recalculation of the interest that will be owed on city bonds and cuts in state aid that were less deep than

Mr. Waldheim denies that as a German Army lieutenant he was involved in interrogating Allied prisoners of war and in the deaths of villagers.

The article in The Jerusalem Post of April 16 said: "Democratic Ger-

many is not the Third Reich, and Helmut Kohl is certainly no Adolf Edgar Brontman, the president

The Congress led Jewish groups of the World Jewish Congress, s in accusing Mr. Kohl of pandering in a glass house and threw stones to anti-Semitic voters by meeting the chancellor. in a glass house and threw stones at Mr. Waldheim on March 28, a "Did Kohl want to swerve fur-

ther to the right than the right-wing forces in Germany to win votes in two important elections? Not at "Right-wing groups in Germany have never been very interested in the Waldheim controversy and Kohl as a professional politicism.

nich," adding "T don't need any knew that."

The article was written by Mr.

Wiesenthal, the British publisher
Lord George Weidenfeld and Michael Wolfsohn, an Israeli-bom
historian who lives in Germany.

It also supported Mr. Kohl's 30 sertion that the World Jewish Congress had actively opposed German unification and maintained close ties with Communist leaders in the former East Germany.

"Considering the interests of the Jews, we believe the time has come to inform the public about the sotivines of people who claim to speak in the name of all Jews." it

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U.S. Panel Backs New Drug For AIDS Along With AZT New York Times Service

The committee recommended Tuesday that DDC or didesaye) dine, be marketed for use in combination with another drug, AZT, or azidothymidine, which was the first drug approved for the treatment. of AIDS.

But the committee decided not to recommend approval of DDC as a treatment by itself, even for patients who could not take AFF. Under an experimental "expanded access program." DEC and

BETHESDA, Maryland — An advisory committee to the Food and Drug Administration has recommended that a new AIDS drug be given a conditional approval.

It made the decision on the basis of preliminary data and specified

that the drug be removed from the market if figure data from continuing studies failed to uphold the hints of hencity

heen available without charge to patients who could not tolerale other AIDS treatments.

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# es Passage no Middle Ground Some Some As Abortion Case Dens in U.S. Court The contract of the court of the

By Linda Greenhouse

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — If there is a middle ground on abortion, it was hardly in evidence in argument presented to the Supreme Court Weinesday in a Pennsylvania constitutional right to abortion and statements of phile.

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moves of constitutional decisionmaking within it.

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lored arguments usually heard at the court, Kathryn Kolbert, a law-Thomas be yer for the American Civil Liberties Union, offered the nine justices an all-or-nothing analysis of why they should strike down a Pennsylvania is that restricts — but does not prohibit — abortion.

Ms. Kolbert said that upholding any of the restrictions, including a 24-hour waiting period and a re-minement that wives notify hushands of a planned abortion, would be the equivalent of overruling Roev. Wade, the 1973 decision that declared abortion to be a fundemental constitutional right.

With the likelihood remote that the justices will, in fact, heed their request to reaffirm Roev. Wade, the abortion-rights lawyers in the case have underscored the stakes for an election-year audience beyoud the court.

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He remaind A federal appeals court in Philadelphia struck down the husbandnonfication provision last fall, but the abortion-rights side found that ruling unsatisfactory because the appellate judges simultaneously ruled that abortion was no longer a imdamental right and could be the subject of a new degree of state regulation.

"Never before has the court bethree free stowed and taken back a fundamental right that has been part of the settled rights and expectations of literally millions of Americans for nearly two decades," Ms. Kol-

> The administration adhered to the broad anti-abortion argument it first presented to the court three

state's law, told the justices that Roev. Wade was not entitled to middle ground on abortion, it was respect as precedent and should be

Referring at one point to a fetus as a "potential citizen," Mr. Starr said that the government has a "compelling interest" in protecting fetal life throughout pregnancy.

In Roc v. Wade, the court held that the state's interest in feral life becomes compelling only at the point of viability — roughly, the last three months of pregnancy, when a fetus could survive outside

■ Questioning Animated

The Associated Press reported

earlier from Washington: Questioning from the justices was occasionally animated, but not as aggressive as it often has been in cases in which the court was closely

Ms. Kolbert, first to stand at the lectern, was allowed to speak for seven minutes before Justice Sandra Day O'Connor interrupted to ask whether she planned to discuss the specific terms of the state law. "You're arguing the case as il what is before us is Roe v. Wade,"

Justice O'Connor said. Ms. Kolbert spoke of "the rights of bodily integrity" and the "genius of Roe and the constitution in that it fully protects the rights of fundamental importance.

She told the court that "to abandon heightened review is to over-

Ms. Kolbert resisted requests to discuss the terms of the Pennsylvamia law, choosing instead to speak of what she said was the central issue -- "the power of the government to force a woman to continue her pregnancy against her will."

"Pennsylvania's onerous restrictions must fall," she contended.
"Women might again be forced to
the back alleys for their health

But Mr. Starr urged the justices to give state legislatures greater lecway to regulate, and deter, abortion than they were given in the Roe v-Wade decision.

He contended that the standard for court review should be whether years ago. Solicitor General Kenneth W. Starr, appearing with the He said the Pennsylvania regula-Pennsylvania attorney general, Ertions passed that standard.



A QUIET BIRTHDAY FOR LENIN — On the 122d anniversary of the birth of Lenin, a group of men waited in Moscow's Red Square to lay carnations on the tomb of the founder of the former Soviet state. It was the first time that Lenin's birthday was not officially recognized, although there were modificial ceremonies by small groups of sympathizers in Moscow and other cities.

### GEORGIA: Days of Wine and Sadness, Too, as Royal Family Returns

(Continued from page 1)

figure in émigré activities, died of a heart attack.) Aeroflot has never been efficient. comfortable or even nominally reliable. But now it is near collapse, pressed on one end by high prices and budget cuts ordered by its hub in Moscow and, on the other, by the newly independent republics, each of which wants its own fair share of Aeroflot's fleet.

The flight to Tbilisi was under the command of Georgian Aviation, an arm of Aeroflot that existed under separate administration even when the Soviet Union was still intact.

Now, Georgia is an independent country - it even refused to join the new Commonwealth of independent States - and Georgian Aviation is in the process of resurrecting itself as an independent air-line. Orbi.

Caught between two systems, neither of them fully operational, Georgian Aviation is awash in problems. One is a fuel shortage. For various reasons, all of them connected to the collapse of the former Soviet Union, Tbilisi does not have enough fuel to keep its found hotels in Sochi, several kiloaircrast flying.
For a time, Moscow-Tbilisi

flights were sharply reduced. Then, a solution was found, allowing planes on their way to and from Thilisi to refuel in Sochi, a resort town on the Black Sea coast inside Russia, 400 kilometers (250 miles) from Tbilisi, which, as Georgians are quick to point out, was once part of the Georgian kingdom.

Another problem is spare parts, as became apparent after the right

front tire on the Moscow-Tbilisi flight burst while landing at Sochi. Officials declared they had no spares, so the plane was held until

Thilisi was due to arrive, with a tire. Bagrationi family return to their about the statement that there was bedraggled passengers. no spare available. So they tried to

negotiate the purchase of one. They failed, but their skepticism was justified. The next day - after some passengers spent the night slumped in armchairs in the dirty airport waiting room while others playing imperialist games.

meters away, that charged one quarter of an average monthly pension - it was discovered that the airport, which once had a reserve of a dozen or more spare tires, did have one in stock.

But as the airport administrator was to explain to an angry delegation of passengers, Sochi, which is already owed tens of millions of rubles by Tbilisi, was not about to give Georgia its last tire, leaving itself with none for the next Russian aircraft that needs one.

By this time, the plane from Toilisi, delayed three hours, had landmorning, when the next flight from ed with a spare. On dismanding the wheel, however, the ground crew The Georgian passengers were discovered that the brakes had eager to help the members of the seized up, leading to the announcement of another five-hour delay homeland. And they were skeptical and an eruption on the part of the

> The meeting in the administra-tor's office — his secretary unable to hold the door any longer - was fraught with emotion, and politics. Some of the Georgian passengers began to accuse the Russians of

"We are not your hostages!" a young man shouted. When another Georgian, who identified himself as a deputy minister, accused the airport of deliberately holding up the flight for money, the airport administrator lost his temper.

"Look here." he said, his voice all flustered. "There may be no order in the country - if there is a country - but here, we maintain some kind of order." Then looking at his watch and

expressing concern that the ground crew might go home at 5 P.M. with-out finishing the job, he drove off for a personal inspection of the

The plane finally took off that night at 9, 26 hours after it was supposed to have arrived in Tbilisi.

Of the three family members, only Ketevan Bagration had ever been to the Soviet Union before. Her mother, a Frenchwoman who

speaks neither Russian nor Georgian, sat in dignified calm throughout the ordeal, asking only occasionally in a mild way if such confusion was typicai.

### GATT: Subsidy Dispute Persists

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ommerce, increasingly dominated by transnational corporations with no firm anchor in a single nation, has changed substantially in recent years. There has been a dramatic expansion in cross-border investment, trade in services and access to intellectual property such as computer software.

Existing trade obstacles stand as a roadblock to economic growth. according to a newly released study by two economists at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Ian Goldin and Dominique van der Mensbrugghe. They estimated that approval of the partial liberalization embodied in the latest proposal by Arthur Dunkel, director-general of GATT, would yield benefits of more than \$195 billion. Roughly half of the gains would be reaped by developing countries in the Third World and in the old Soviet empire, far outstripping official aid.

The fate of the current Uruguay Round of GATT talks also has wider consequences for the major powers. Success would extend far beyond trade and tariffs because it would set a positive tone for the future of Europe's relations with the United States. It would also help bring Japan out of its age-old isolation by forcing it to open its market to rice imports. Failure threatens to give promi-

nence to such testy disputes as sovbeans, rice and aircraft subsidies at the expense of mutual cooperation on Western security and support for the new democracies that have emerged from the collapse of the Soviet Union, The GATT talks, known as the

launched there in 1986, are not

likely to collapse immediately. But the continuing stalemate raises the prospects that governments will increasingly resort to private bilateral trade deals and try to fend off growing competition with a wide array of targeted subsidies.

Moreover, if negotiations drag on past the U.S. presidential election in November, a GATT agreement could fall victim to shifting political tides in the United States. Many on Capitol Hill are disillusioned by the lack of visible progress. Congressional authority for the White House to continue the talks, already extended once, expires in June 1993, and lawmakers are unlikely to extend it again.

"Unfortunately, the promise of the Uruguay Round has not been realized." Senator Max Baucus, the Montana Democrat who is chairman of the Senate's international trade subcommittee, said recently. "Enough is enough it is time for a new direction."

The talks have brought together 108 nations in a bid to extend international trade rules to such services as banking transportation, telecommunications and insurance. Major industrial nations are also trying to expand the reach of their standards governing patents, copyrights and other forms of intellectual property.

Meanwhile, developing countries in such regions as Latin America and Asia, which have long sought to shelter their domestic economies from international competition, are seeking to open their markets to outsiders. But in return for providing rich countries access to their markets, poorer nations are demanding a reduction in farm Uruguay Round because they were protectionism among the industrial

### IMF: Expect Soft Growth Until '93

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because the slump in construction and reductions in military spending were disrupting the economy.

The report forecast Japan's economy to grow by 3.2 percent

from fourth quarter to fourth quarter, the same as the year before, and to rise to 3.9 percent next year. It said the Japanese economy had slowed recently because growth in fixed investment fell to

3.5 percent this year, compared with more than 10 percent a year in the late 1980s. The report noted the first two months of this year, but added that a pickup in government spending would help spur the

The IMF predicted there would be continued weak growth in Europe, as high German interest rates

its budget deficit, caused largely by

efforts to help Eastern Germany. The report said the East European economy was beginning to bottom out, but added that the former Soviet Union would see further declines in output.

For Eastern Europe, the report projected a 1 percent drop in output this year, but growth of 3.7 percent next year. That follows a plunge in production of 16.6 percent last year.

For the former Soviet Union, the report saw a decline in production that industrial output declined in of 17.5 percent this year, following a plunge of 17 percent last year. The report also forecast inflation of 1.000 percent in the former Soviet Union this year.

According to the IMF, developing countries as a group, excluding Eastern Europe and the former Soweighed on neighboring econo-mies. The report urged Germany to this year, compared with 3.3 permove more aggressively to reduce cent last year.

## Sewer Gas Blasts Kill Miama M At Least 100 in Mexico

Hospitals were filled with injured people after at least nine blasts shook the eastern sector of Mexico's second-largest metropohs, a city of about 3 million resi-

A Red Cross spokesman said as many as 150,000 people were be-lieved to live in the densely popu-lated area, measuring about 12 square blocks, where the worst ex-

plosions occurred. Governor Guillenno Cosio Viddancti ordered the dead to be taken to two sports stadiums.

A statement by Pemex, Mexico's state oil monopoly, said the gases came from a privately owned cooking oil factory that leaked into the sewage system. The Pemex spokes-man identified the gas as hexane, a volatile liquid paraffin.

Local residents had complained since Tuesday of nauseous gases from sewer chiefs. Officials had told them to open their windows for

Jose Luis Velez of the Red Cross said his station alone had attended to about 300 injured people. The Red Cross reported that at least 1,000 buildings, including of-fices and residences, were dam-

aged, many heavily. Witnesses and rep ses and reporters at the scene said the series of explosions blew up a ditch about 10 blocks long, 6 meters deep and 3 meters

The federal government declared a national emergency and began moving field hospitals, rescue workers, medical helicopters and other emergency equipment into the area. The army was called to take

Hak per note the charge of the situation. About 700 workers were combing the rubble for more victims. The spectacle in the streets af-

said from the scene.

Police and rescue workers frantically dug through the crumbled wreckage of collapsed buildings. The police said streets were blown open, trapping at least 50 cars in

José Ponce, a lieutenant in Guabijara's fire department, said the blasts were concentrated in the tastern area of the city.

"We heard several explosions, some of them very strong," Mr. Ponce said in a telephone interview. His office is a little more than

a mile from the explosion area.

The newspaper Excelsior said the chief of fire fighters in Guadalaists attributed the explosions to DIE STEEL ST "thousands of liters of gasoline" in the Reforma area of the city.

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GUADALAJARA, Mexico

Explosions from gas in the sewage
system wrecked buildings over several blocks of the city Wednesday, hilling at least 100 people and injuring about 600, the Mexican Red Cross said.

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Guadalajara, perhaps the most stately of Mexico's largest cities,

has a large community of U.S. re-tirees as well as American medical students. The area of nearby Lake Chapala also attracted many Americans, until pollution made it

A 1984 explosion and fire at a government oil tank farm in San Juan Ixhuatepec, a northern Mexi-co City residential area, killed more than 500 people. An oil pipeline explosion in 1988

in eastern Mexico killed 11 people and injured 14. In 1985, a gas explosion ripped through a downtown business dis-

trict in the border city of Cindad Juarez, injuring 27 people.
(AP Reuters)

U.S. Condemns Serbs, but Adds Others to List

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The State Department renewed its condem-nation of aggression by Serbian forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina on Wednesday, but placed other ethnic groups on its list of culprits in the fighting that has torn the newly independent republic over the last four weeks.

"No party is blameless for the current situation," said Margaret D. Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman. "This includes Croatia and Croatian irregular forces lected makes it look as if we have in Bosnia Moreover, Muslim — the third nationality in Bosnia as defined by Yugoslav law - irregu-As he spoke, another explosion lar forces also are now involved in actions contrary to peaceful resolution of the crisis."

She had earlier described "our serious concerns about the behavjor of Serbia, Serb irregulars in Bosnia" as well as the Yugoslav Army and said it would be fair to say that Serbs were "the most egregions aggressors:

Fighters from Croatia reportedly changed their insignia before they entered the fray in Herzegovina to that of a newly formed territorial defense unit of Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus camouflaging their or-

Ms. Tutwiler said U.S. concerns about the latest fighting had been conveyed to Croatian authorities in Zagreb and Serbian authorities in

KABUL: Heavily Armed Rebel Forces Near the Edges of Afghan Capital (Continued from page 1) with the forces of General Doeswould not permit Mr. Hekmatyar tam, the leader of a shura, or count to participate in talks with either ing up with formulas. If it is the

Mr. Masond repeatedly stressed but the radio would not reach." Police and rescue workers frantihis alliances with other Islamic recally dug through the wreckage of bels and militias, and particularly tently been the most severe in his "It's up to them," he said. "No Afghanistan to decide."

BOSNIA: Muslims and Serbs Battle in the Streets for Control of Sarajevo (Continued from page 1)

not encouraging. "I could not make a recommendation for the visit if their security is at risk," he said. Germany on Wednesday vowed that the "greatest possible interna-

hospital with patients as targets is

tional pressure" would be applied against Serbia to end the bloodshed in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The United States and Germany have been in close contact on possible international penalties against

Serbia, which the two governments blame for the violence in Bosnia. Hans Schumacher, a spokesman for Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, had harsh words for Serbia. "The Serb-dominated so-called People's Army has repeatedly tried to realign territorial

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gles in Slovenia and Croatia. At the Bosna hotel in suburban Ilidza, near Sarajevo, its plate glass windows shattered by bullets, the chatter of gunfire and thuds of ex-

ploding grenades and mortar shells could be heard all morning. Serbs fired shoulder-launched anti-tank rockets at Ilidza's Topola hotel, where Muslim snipers were holed up, and thick black smoke control of several strategically lobillowed from the building.

A white UN armored personnel carrier drove into the area amid the fighting, apparently continuing efforts to arrange a cease-fire. Serbs earlier intensified their

drive to gain control of part of the capital Tuesday, attacking parts of central Sarajevo with heavy machine-gun and mortar fire. ownership through the use of

force," he said, referring to strug- in a physical therapy insutute, re- lim and Croat majority approved

said he was in no position to im-

26-year-old Serb militiaman. Shooting subsided in central Sarajevo at noon Wednesday, but heavy firing continued in Ilidza and in the nearby villages of Sokolovic and Butmir until late afternoon. Serb fighters appeared in

cated buildings in the suburb. Muslims attacked them with mortars. The fighters on both sides in Sarajevo ignored emotional pleas for Serb civilian leaders.

northern and western Bosnia and near the border with Croatia. More than 200 people have died his family reported that he was Serbian militiamen ran for cover in Bosnia since the republic's Mus- well.

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turning the fire.

"They attacked us without any warning," said Rodoljub Papic, a Early reports on Wednesday's

"His head," Mr. Masoud de-

clared, "belongs to the people of

fighting said at least one person had died and 10 were wounded. (AP. Reuters)

Reporter Is Freed in Malawi HARARE - Simon Mhone, a part-time Reuters correspondent in Malawi, has been released after nearly four months in detention, a truce Tuesday from Muslim and Serb civilian leaders.

day. The Malawi government gave no reason for his detention and Fighting also was reported in never announced any charges against him. The sources said he had been freed on April 13 and that

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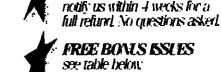
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# The Frankincense Trade: New Entrepôt Unearthed

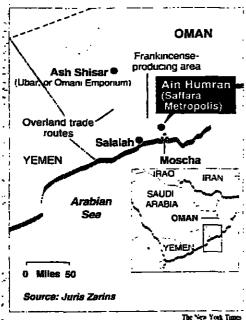
Site, Saffara Metropolis, Is Near the Omani Coast

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

EW YORK — The archaeologists who recently announced the discovery of the legendary lost city of Ubar in the Arabian Peninsula have found the remains of another major emporium in the ancient frankincense trade: the ruins of an even larger city near the coast of the Indian Ocean.

The new discovery is considered a significant step in establishing the full scope of the frankincense traffic at its most prosperous time, at the height of the Roman Empire in the early centuries after Christ, and at one of its major sources, in the Qara Mountains of

This seems to remove any remaining questions about how and where the prized commodity was shipped across the Arabian desert by a network of



caravan routes to Mesopotamia and the Mediterra-

nean and by ships across the sea to India. The new find, at the base of the Qara Mountains, is at a site with the modern name of Ain Humran. The discoverers identified it as the ruins of the fortified trading center called Saffara Metropolis on the maps of Claudius Ptolemy, the Alexandrian geographer of

With its discovery, archaeologists now think they know three principal sites engaged in shipping frank-incense: Saffara Metropolis, at the mountains where the aromatic resin is grown; Ubar, or Omanum Emporium on Ptolemaic maps, across the mountains on the edge of the Empty Quarter and so the nexus for the trans-desert trade, and finally, the ancient seaport of Moscha, discovered and excavated in the 1950s.

Saffara Metropolis is only 11 kilometers (seven miles) inland from the Moscha site, which is 40 kilometers east of the modern port of Salalah.

N announcing the find Monday, Dr. Juris Zarins, chief archaeologist of an American-British-Omani expedition, said preliminary excavations at Saffara Metropolis produced pottery and other artifacts indicating that it was occupied at the same time as Ubar, which was settled some 5.000 years ago and was a bustling caravan center as early as 2000 B.C.

"This opens up a whole new area that hasn't been

looked at before in exploring the frankincense trade,"

Dr. Zarins, a professor of anthropology at Southwest Missouri State University, said the towers, interi-

or walls and other architecture at the new site were rirtually identical to those at Ubar. The central part of the city stood stark and unburied

on the top of a hill. Its crumbling walls encompassed an area about 100 by 115 meters (300 by 350 feet). Dr. Barri Jones of the University of Manchester in England, examining ancient maps, made the coanec-tion between these ruins and Saffara Metropolis, which in Greek means the main city of Dhofar, anoth-

er name for the southern region of Oman.
The excavations, which Dr. Zarins described in an interview by telephone from his campus office, unco ered samples of the incense and statuettes from India, the principal overseas market for the trade.

Dr. Zarins is a member of the TransArabia Expedition, led by Nicholas Clapp, a Los Angeles moviemak-er, and George R. Hedges, a Los Angeles lawyer with a background in archaeology. Another organizer was Sir Ranulph Fiennes, a British explorer with wide experi-

After a decade of study and preparation, the expedition struck pay dirt last fall when, guided by detailed remote-sensing surveys by satellite and the space shut-tle, its members followed ancient caravan tracks to a water well now known as Ash Shisar.

The photographic and radar surveys had been analyzed by remote-sensing specialists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

There near the well, buried in the sand, were the mud-brick walls and towers of an ancient city. Comparing its location with Ptolemaic maps, the explorers concluded this was none other than the lost city of Ubar, famous in the Koran and other literature as a place of fabulous wealth and corruption.

It supposedly came to a sudden collapse toward the end of the Roman period, sinking out of sight. T.E. Lawrence, better known as Lawrence of Arabia, called Ubar "the Atlantis of Arabia."

Since Ubar's discovery was announced in February. Dr. Zarins continued digging at the site and said he was increasingly certain that Ubar's walls and towers were probably built more than 2,000 years ago, at the beginning of the city's greatest prosperity.

He said the ruins of one more tower had been

discovered, bringing the number of towers to nine.

HE archaeologist reported that Ubar ap-peared to have been a much more extensive city than once thought. Beyond the walls of its central city, measuring about 50 by 60 meters, were buried remains marking about 20 other occupation sites, some as far away as 4 kilometers. These were presumably camping areas for the cara-vans and others who came to enrich and enjoy themselves at Ubar.

Further digging led to evidence that people had been living at the Ubar site for at least 5,000 years. Its peak occupation, though, was in the Roman period of the first, second and third centuries after Christ.

The city's fortunes seemed to decline with those of the empire. Geologists on the expedition suggested that an earthquake could have caused the center of the city to collapse into the limestone caverns that under-

The discovery of the ruins at Ain Humran was made after a systematic ground reconnaissance, assisted by satellite photography. A five-year plan has been devel-oped for more intensive exploration at the sites and for xpanding the search into neighboring Yemen.

Much of Ubar remains to be excavated. Dr. Zarins said he wanted to gather more evidence documenting his thesis that the people who live in the Qara Mountains today are descendants of the ancient people known as Ad. The discoveries at Ain Humran, he said. provide stronger evidence that the people of Ad were the ones who controlled the thriving incense trade.



# Tapping the Secrets of Sleeping Bears

By Elisabeth Rosenthal New York Times Service

EW YORK - This time each year, bears are lumbering out of their dens after a long deep sleep that rivals that of Rip Van Winkle. For up to five months, bears do not eat, drink, defecate or urinate; they have no nutrition, no waste disposal and yet they emerge each spring groggy but

Hibernating bears are able to defy some basic rules of mammalian physiology, research has shown. Five months of inactivity would lead to disastrous bone thinning humans, but leaves bear bones un harmed. Although bears do not move their large muscles for more than 100 days, they actually increase their lean body mass in the den. And while bears do not urinate during their months of hibernation, their bodies show no buildup of urea, a toxic waste product of protein metabolism normally eliminated by the kidneys.

A group of scientists studying the internal chemistry of hibernating bears say they have identified the secret of their survival: recycling. Hibernating bears seem to be able to make use of bone degradation products to build new bone and urinary wastes to make protein. The researchers hope to use chemicals from the bear to treat humans suffering from osteoporosis, in which the bones waste away. and from kidney failure, in which life-

threatening urinary toxins accumulate. "Working with hibernating bears you get only one chance each year to see what's happening, but we're slowly putting it all together," said Dr. Ralph A. Nelson, research director of the Carle Foundation in Urbana, Illinois, who has studied bear physiology for two decades. "If we could duplicate what the bear does to stimulate

bone loss in humans, and if we could increase the recycling of urea in humans with kidney failure, we could prevent the need for dialysis." he said.

Most animals that sleep through the winter drop their body temperature drastically and dramatically cut nutritional needs during hibernation; these so-called deep hibernators — like squirrels and chipmunks — spend winter limp and de-But bears lower their body temperature

only slightly and continue to burn about 4.000 calories a day, resulting in a Zen-like state of watchful rest. Bears can rise in response to intruders at a moment's notice and even carry and nurse their young.
"Hibernation is an amazing adaptation to climate," said Dr. Christopher Servheen

of the University of Montana in Missoula.

Ninety percent of a bear's diet is plants,

which they can't get in the winter in much of North America, so they den." Mos, bears in temperate climates hiber-nate from late fall through late March or early April. Dr. Servheen said, although bears in Florida or Arizona may not, since

they can find food through the winter. Much of what is known about bear biochemistry has come from the study of three black bears - U. P., Caruso and Amonzo — who were taken in by Dr. Nelson almost 20 years ago after they were captured as public nuisances in Wisconsin and Michigan. Dr. Nelson, a medical doctor, has been studying them since.

He had long suspected that sleeping bears had a unique mechanism for regulating calcium, the main mineral in bone. Based on blood samples collected from anesthetized bears before, during and after hibernation, he knew that the amount of calcium in their blood was fairly constant. It was a surprising finding since the

bone of other mammals, including hu-

mans, inevitably thins when it does not carry weight for long periods, spilling cal-cium into the blood.

This phenomenon, known as disuse os-teoporosis, is thought to result from an imbalance between bone production by cells called osteoblasts and bone destruction by another group of bone cells called

During long periods of intense exercise, bone formation outsteps destruction and bone mass increases. But in periods of: prolonged rest, such as when a leg is in a cast, the bone building osteoblasts slow down or even cease to function, and the bone becomes brittle. Deep hibernators also lose bone as they

lie dormant. The calcium that leaches into the blood as the bone degrades is eliminated in the urine; even deep hibernators arouse occasionally to relieve themselves. But what about the bear that cannot urinate to protect itself against calcium buildup in the blood? And how can it maintain a skeleton that must support

hundreds of pounds upon awakening in

EVERAL years ago, Dr. Timothy Floyd, an orthopedist working with Dr. Nelson, performed bone biopsies on the three cap-tive bears at various times in the hibernation cycle. The bone specimens revealed that bears did not lose any bone mass despite months of rest, and even in hiberna-tion their osteoblasts continued to lay down new bone at a rate equal to that found during the periods of greater physical activ-ity. The calcium spilled into the blood from one part of the skeleton had apparently

The researchers say they are now hot on the trail of a chemical in hibernating bear blood that they think may promote new bone growth; they will not discuss the

been used to build new bone in another.

work. If such a compound also worked in humans, it could have a vast market among the millions of older people.

The bear's ability to recycle virtually all the urea it produces is also unique among mammals. If a human did not urinate for several days, he would develop high levels of urea in the blood and die. But blood urea levels in bears, instead of rising, actually fall. Experiments by Dr. Nelson and his colleagues over the past decade have helped to solve this riddle.

By inserting catheters into the bladders of bears during hibernation, they found that the animals were making small amounts of urine all winter long. But somehow, instead of accumulating in the bladder, the prime and the nitrogen containing area were reabsorbed across the bladder wall.

To trace the fate of ures that had disappeared from the bladder, the researchers synthesized urea containing radioactive molecules and injected them into hibernating bears. To their surprise, the radionating bears. To their surprise, the radioactive urea disappeared and the radioactivity began turning up in various proteins, including albumen, which helps maintain blood volume, and neurotransmitters.

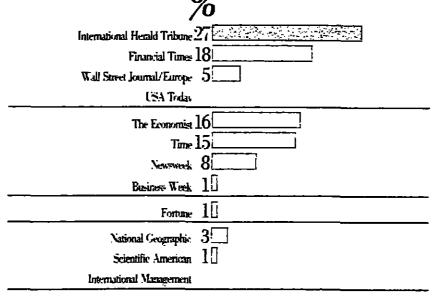
The hilbernating bears had apparently

taken apart the urea and used its components to make amino acids, the building blocks of proteins. The energy for this astounding recycling program is provided by the bear's fat stores. Researchers believe that bears are probably the only animal that can split urea in the body.

The bear's recycling program is also a dieter's dream: sleep for four months, burn up fat stores, and wake no with a leaner body mass. The researchers suspect that black bears may even be able to make essential amino acids, protein building blocks that manufals generally cannot synthesize but must consume in the diet

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# Prostate Cancer: To Treat or Not to Treat?

By Natalie Angier

EW YORK - Men with early prostate cancer who are not treated for their disease have excellent survival rates that rival those seen in patients who receive aggressive therapy against the malignancy, Swedish res have reported.

The finding suggests that for a subgroup of patients with the tumor, doing nothing may be as good or better than surgically removing the prostate gland or blasting it with radiation, the standard treatments in the United States for early-stage prostate Some doctors applauded the new report

for highlighting scientific ignorance about the best way to treat prostate cancer, a disease that varies widely in its aggressiveness and in how lethal it is. But others condemned the study as highly misleading and having little or no relevance to the great majority of prostate cancer patients.

The critics worried that the report could full men into believing that prostate cancer was relatively benign and could be shrugged off as a nuisance of the elderly, when in fact it is the type of cancer that is the secondbiggest killer of American men, after lung cancer. The disease afflicts a pecan-sized

Dr. Jan-Erik Johansson and his colleagues t Orebro Medical Center Hospital and Uppsala University in Sweden are reporting their results on Wednesday in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Why JAMA would accept a paper like this absolutely shocks me," said Dr. Patrick W. Walsh of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. "I think it absolutely could misdirect people, and it could be very harmful."

Dr. Walsh is an author of another report in the journal showing that the levels of a blood protein called prostate-specific antigen is a sensitive technique for diagnosing prostate cancer, particularly when used in conjunc-tion with an annual rectal examination.

HE two new studies should jointly raise the pitch of an already stri-dent debate among doctors over the ments of early detection of prostate cancer. The Swedish study may also call into question the belief among Ameri-cans and their surgeons that the best way to treat prostate cancer, like any other malignancy, is by routing it out as quickly and completely as possible.

In the new Swedish study, the researchers followed 223 patients with very early pros-

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gland at the base of the bladder that generates fluid to nourish sperm.

Dr. Jan-Erik Johansson and his colleagues

tate cancer, defined as a tumor that was still confined to the gland and that bore cellular traits marking it as differentiated, a relatively indolent type of malignancy. The patients received no initial therapy for their disease.

Ten years after the original diagnosis, only 10 percent had died of prostate cancer, a figure that does not differ significantly from success rates with surgery.

The disease had progressed somewhat in another 24 percent of the Swedish patients, but not to the point where it was likely to kill

Dr. Johannson said the latest results did not prove that no therapy was as good as surgery but did show that the benefits of

surgery had yet to be scientifically demon-strated. "We are not saying that therapy is of no use." he said. "We are saying that surgery should be thought of as still experimental."

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such a malevolent cancer that no matter

what was done, they were likely to die. "I'm highly supportive of Dr. Johansson's

work, and I think it's very, very important," said Dr. Willet F. Whitmore Jr., an attending surgeon at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York who has studied

"The question really is, Is a cure necessary in those for whom it is possible, and is a cure possible for those in whom it is necessary? Are the current treatments having an impact on the mortality rate? That question is still up for grabs."

study for being highly selective in choosing which patients to in-clude. "When they set up their selection criteria, they picked people so they would have a self-fulfilling prophecy," said Dr. William J. Catalona of Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis. "They loaded their study up with elderly men with small cancers who were much more likely to die of something other than prostate cancer."

Others criticized the researchers for masking unpleasant data that tarnished the seemingly rosy outcome of some patients. For example, Dr. Walsh said, when the disease progressed, patients ended up needing either to have their testicles removed or to undergo chemical castration with hormones.

"Is that really preferable to surgical removal of the prostate giand?" he said.

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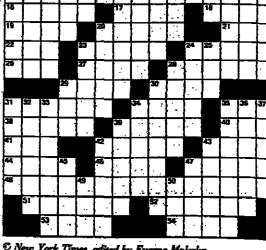
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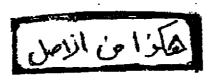


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### INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

### Lacking an Evil Empire, **Hughes Goes Commercial**

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - Just a few years ago, the Soviet Union was still the Evil Empire, Pentagon spending was rising and Harry King was working on a military program at Hughes Aircraft Co.'s radar division. Today the Soviet Union is no more, the future of military contracting is bleak and Mr. King is developing power systems at Hughes for electric cars being designed by the company's parent, General Motors Corp.

Like Mr. King, many managers, scientists and engineers throughout the weapons business are being forced to use their expertise to new ends as their companies struggle to find a place in the post-Cold War world. But at few companies are the

Long one of the premier U.S. suppliers of sophisticated military electronics, Hughes is trying to remake itself as a technology company capable of moving nimbly into commercial markets while squeezing what profit remains from

The GM unit is. trying to make itself into a nimble technology company.

the shrinking but still substantial Pentagon budget.

"If you select people carefully for your projects, as we have, my experience is that the transition is straightforward," said Mr. King, an engineer with a doctorate in physics.

For other defense contractors, however, the transition has been anything but straightforward. Grumman Corp. found that out years ago with its disastrous foray into building buses, and Rockwell International Corp. discovered the same thing in mak-

Hughes itself has already discovered that diversification holds more than its share of perils.

Last year, the company's expansion into the commercial aircraft flight-simulator and training business, for example, ran smack into the hard times afflicting the airline industry. As a result, Hughes was forced to take write-offs of \$40 million.

THER PROMISING IDEAS have proved slow to come around. An ambitious joint venture with partners including NBC and News Corp. to develop a satellite-television network fell apart last year amid questions about the project's

In its attempt to wean itself from the Pentagon, Hughes has more going for it than most military contractors.

Putting aside a tradition of promoting from within, Hughes recently selected a chief executive, C. Michael Armstrong, who had been a top executive of International Business Machines Corp. and who is experienced in marketing commercial technologie

In GM. Hughes has a corporate parent that is itself a market for some of its products, such as electric-vehicle power systems. Perhaps most important, Hughes's expertise in advanced electronics lends itself more readily to commercial markets than the strengths developed by many other military contractors in fields such as jet-lighter design and submarine construction.

Some Hughes's businesses already have solid records in commercial markets. The company, for example, is a top supplier of telecommunications satellites. It has used its expertise in that field to get into the business of providing telecommunications services. Hughes executives acknowledged that sometimes they must bring commercial expertise into the company by hiring from outside — or in some cases by acquiring entire companies.

Several years ago, Hughes looked at ways to increase the size of

a small division that was building audio equipment for the enger entertainment systems on Boeing Co.'s airplanes. Hughes decided its major need was learning about airlines and what they were looking for in entertainment. So in 1990, it bought a small company called Avicom that builds video equipment for

planes. Hughes placed its audio division under Avicom's management and offered whatever technical expertise Avicorn needed. Two months ago, Avicom won a \$70 million order from Northwest Airlines to provide a multichannel audio and video entertainment system, including movies, video games and video shopping, to be installed in every seat of the airline's 747s.

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# European Chipmakers Clinch Alliance

By Andrew Rosenbaum

PARIS - SGS-Thomson Microelectronics BV and Philips Semiconductors International, Europe's biggest chipmakers, concluded Wednesday the first major European semiconductors research and manufacturing alliance in an effort to win market share from

American and Japanese competitors. The companies pledged to invest \$200 million to cooperate in producing state-of-theart technology for CMOS, a fast-growing material technology for computer chips. The two companies refused to provide details of

Although industry specialists have agreed that such alliances were needed to make Europe's chipmakers more competitive, until re-cently national political imperatives had almost always gotten in the way, allowing American and Japanese producers to dominate most of Europe's semiconductor markets.
Philips and SGS-Thomson, which is owned

by the French and Italian governments, along with Siemens AG of Germany, abandone plans to form a pan-European semiconductor company in October. In November, Philips and SGS-Thomson announced plans to make the CMOS chips, or complementary metal oxide semiconductors, in Crolles, France, but did not provide details.

There has been a plethora of alliances in the computer industry in recent months, in-

By Richard E. Smith

International Retail Tribune FRANKFURT --- A provocative plan under

consideration in Bonn to curb Germany's gen-

erous sick-pay provisions has outraged the

country's trade unions just as they are threaten-

ing nationwide strikes to press for higher wages.

The proposal, which has been floated by senior members of the governing coalition as a

way of cutting overstretched public spending,

But it has inflamed opinion throughout the

The issue exemplifies the political and finan-

cial strains on Germany as it struggles both to

pay for the reconstruction of Eastern Germany

and to maintain Western Germany's elaborate

Under the proposal being discussed in gov-

The opposition Social Democrats and union

leaders have called the idea everything from a

regression to the 1950s" to a "perversion of the

ernment circles, workers would no longer be automatically paid for the first three days of

country and threatens to exacerbate an already

so far appears to be only a trial balloon.

bitter labor-relations climate.

cluding an announcement last month by Philips that it would work on chips for compact-disk interactive technology with Motorola Inc. of the United States, but the agreement announced Wednesday was the first time two big European companies joined together in a deal that included manufacturing

Wednesday's deal will help Europe moveahead, according to the president of SGS-Thomson, Pasquale Pistorio. With agreements like this, when the Japanese come to meet us in the year 2000, we'll be ready." he

Mr. Pistorio said almost one-third of the vorld's semiconductor market — worth \$60 billion last year and predicted to grow 13.5 percent this year — would consist of CMOStype products by 1995. The market for the product that the two companies plan to produce is worth \$7.42 billion this year, according to Dataquest Inc., the computer-industry re-

search company based in San Jose, California Mr. Pistorio said research on the semiconductors would be made available to other participants in the Joint European Semiconductor Silicon research program, which is known as JESSL Facilities for producing the semiconductors also will be shared with JESSI project members, he said.

"Europe has been somewhat behind in this kind of semiconductor manufacturing," said Byron Harding of Dataquest Europe Ltd.

**Proposal to Cut Sick Pay Riles Germans** 

Even before any concrete proposals have emerged, key unions have threatened to take

the issue to the highest courts and to wage

The sick-pay issue is coming to a boil even as

public-service workers began to vote Wednesday

on the possibility of a strike over wages. Major

public services such as transport and mail deliv-ery could be interrupted if three-quarters of the 500,000 union members agree to strike, an out-

come that the union leader Monika Wulf-Math-

ies said was "inevitable." Final results of the

members of the largest union in Germany, are

preparing for a confrontation over pay later

By any reckoning, this means the timing of the inflammatory new proposal is abysmal. But

there is probably no good time for a plan that

tinkers with a right considered automatic by

before being required to produce a doctor's

note. The proposal would strip them of pay for

the first three days of sickness unless they

German workers can be absent for three days

Meanwhile, some 4 million metalworkers,

ballot are expected on Saturday.

nearly everyone in the country.

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"But the SGS-Thomson project should help

"But the SGS-1 hourson project should help move Europe up to the front rank."

SGS Thomson and Philips, a unit of Philips NV of the Netherlands, are to cooperate on manufacturing and sales of CMOS, which are aimed at the rapidly growing markets for chips used in automobile parts, telecommunications and consumer products. The chips are distinguished by their high speed and portability, and they are smited for use in products such as portable phones, lanton commuters. such as portable phones, laptop computers,

televisions and camcorders The European market for such chips is currently dominated by American manufacturers, with 47 percent, followed by the Japanese, with 27 percent, according to Dataquest Enrope. European chipmakers captured only about 20 percent of the market, while As-

ccording to Dataquest.

Both Philips Semiconductor and SGS-Thomson had mediocre results last year. On Tuesday, Mr. Pistorio said he expected SGS-Thomson "would definitely be back in the black in 1992." He added that SGS-Thomson, was expected to be recapitalized by its shareholders. The Italian government com-mittee which was studying the plan for bring-ing fresh funds to the chipmaker, had ap-

proved the plan, he said. For Philips, which is heavily involved in

Employers say German workers show a pro-

about pushing the issue too hard, especially

"would-be magic political potion" that will

appeal to the ruling coalition more and more as

it struggles with the costs of unification, accord-

ing to an editorial in the Süddeutsche Zeitung, a

See CHIPS, Page 13

# Hongkong Bank Chief Turns Up **Heat on Midland**

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune
LONDON — William Parves, chairman of Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, turned up the beat Wednes-day on wavering Midland Bank shareholders in his £3.1 billion (\$5.4 million) bid to take over their.

Without mentioning Lloyds Bank by name, he suggested that any bid for Midland made by another big British bank would likely face three to six months of regulatory delays, especially before the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-sion where, he said, "the outcome is

Asked why Midland's shares continued to languish at a price well below HSBC Holdings PLC's original offer of 378 pence, Mr. original offer of 378 pence. Mr. Purves cited uncertainties caused by rumors of a rival bid, and the possibility of lengthy delays it could engender as shareholders held on hoping for regulatory approval of a higher offer.

In a veiled warning, he added that at the end of that protracted process. Midland shareholders

process, Midland shareholders might find that HSBC had gotten "fed up and had gone away," ing with it what he maintaine clivity for coming down ill on Fridays and Mondays. They say as many as 300,000 workers s "generous offer." HSBC made s offer last week.

play sick every day, more than one-third of those who call in sick. Speculation over a bid from In Germany, the labor movement is particularly proud of guarantees for sick pay. Some workers were receiving sick pay as early as 1861; the practice was gradually extended to all workers and finally embedded in national legis-Lloyds got a big boost Wednesday from an extraordinary editorial in the Financial Times, stating not only that the board of Lloyds woold decide later this week whether or not to make a run at Midland. But it was not earned easily. The climax was but going on to targe Lloyds to a 16-week strike over the issue in 1957, the longest strike ever in West Germany.
Since the current right to take paid sick days summon up its courage and press

ahead." is protected both by law and by specific union agreements for four out of five German work-In the City of London financial district, where financiers originally had roundly condemned HSBC as ers, the ruling coalition will probably be wary excessively stingy, hopes of a rival bidder emerging had nonetheless since the Social Democrats are powerful enough in Parliament to block it.

At the same time, the idea may be the kind of

waned steadily. The Financial Times editorial certainly does add an interesting ion, even if they did get it wrong with the election," said a bank executive, referring to the pa-per's endorsement of the Labor

Party just before the general election earlier this month. Brian Butler, a Lloyds spokelyman, said, "We certainly read the editorial with great interest this

morning, but we still have no com-

Lloyds executives almost certainly will face questions at the bank's annual meeting on Thursday about their appetite for acqua-

Mr. Purves, who spoke at a press conference at Midland's headquarters, was beginning a three-day wooing of Midland's British share-holders. Clearly on the defeusive, he stressed that his vision of an international bank, based in London and with strong Asian, U.S. and British operations, would offer great potential for its shareholders. . He parried charges that HSBC's record of international expansion

Mr. Purves also denied he had bungled the running of HSBC's U.S. bank, Marine Midland, stressing that U.S. regulators had only lately allowed him to take a more active hand in running it, having for years limited HSBC to three directors on Marine Midland's

On the subject of Hongkong Bank's costly missteps in Australia, however, Mr. Purves conceded he had been late in recognizing the problems and taking necessary remedial steps, such as bringing in

new management.

Meanwhile, with the possibility of a bidding contest again looming. London-based analysts agreed that Lloyds Bank could have the upper

"Lloyds could easily outgun HSBC," said Michael Lever, an analyst with Smith New Court. By combining the third- and fourth-largest, British banks, Lloyds could achieve

huge cost savings and profits.
Norrie Morrison, an analyst with-Kleinwort Benson, said, "If Lloyds" were able to take 70 percent of Midland's income and only 40 percent of its costs, imagine what that, See BANK, Page 13.

### **GE and De Beers Targets** Of U.S. Diamond Inquiry

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — The U.S. government said Wednesday that it was investigating whether General Electric Co. and De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. conspired to fix prices of industrial diamonds.

The Justice Department said it began an inquiry after a former GE executive sued the company, alleging it conspired to fix prices on industrial diamonds, which are used in cutting and grinding tools.

Edward Russell, who has been fired as manager of GE's industrial amonds division, alleged that GE executives conspired with De Beers to

fix industrial-diamond prices and covered up a kickback scheme.

GE denied Mr. Russell's allegations and said he was fired because his division did not meet profit expectations during the two years he ran it. But GE also said it was beginning an internal investigation because of the suit and would fully cooperate with the government's investigation.

The suit alleges that Mr. Russell's superior at GE. Glen Hiner, secretly met with de Beers executives from 1989-91, despite Mr. Russell's protests that the meetings could violate U.S. antitrust laws.

(AFP, AP, Reuters)

# Toyota Rebuffs Vickers on Rolls-Royce

LONDON - Vickers PLC has been rebuffed by Toyota Motor Corp. in its continuing effort to find a buyer for its troubled

lation in 1970.

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd. unit. On Wednesday, the president of Toyota, Shoichiro Toyoda, said at a press conference in Osaka that Rolls-Royce had asked the Japanese carmaker to make a "quick decision" on whether to buy the company.

But he said Toyota "refused the offer because it had not had enough time to consider the deal. He disclosed no further details. A Vickers spokesman would say only that the company had had "contact with a number of international companies" about the future of Rolls-Royce, and that it would not com-

ment on the talks. Toyota's decision follows earlier public re-

fusals by Baverische Motoren-Werke-AG of Germany and Peugeot SA of France. On Wednesday, the BMW commercial director, Robert Büchelhofer, reiterated that BMW had no intention of taking a stake in Rolls-Royce. Other companies seen by industry analysts as possible buyers include General Motors Corp., Fiat SpA, Hanson PLC and Toyota's British distributor, Inchespe PLC.

In December, Vickers said it was seeking a buyer for all or part of Rolls-Royce after continued losses at the unit, which pushed Vickers into a 1991 pretax loss of £12.4 million (\$21.7 million), after a profit of £96.5 million the year before.

Rolls-Royce sales fell from a high of about 3,500 in 1990 to just above 1,500 last year when its main U.S. and British markets went

BMW is removed to have offered £120 million for Rolls-Royce, while Vickers is said to be seeking £200 million, after dropping earlier demands for £300 million

"It is interesting to see that Vickers went from an original position that Rolls-Royce was not for sale, to the current position of asking for bids on short notice," said Zafar Khan, an analyst with S. G. Strauss Turnbull.

Noriyuki Matsoshima, an automobile industry analyst at Nikko Research Center Ltd. in Tokyo, said Toyota may have been worried about drawing criticism if it had agreed to make the purchase. He added that the Japa-nese carmaker could not buy Rolls-Royce under current business conditions because its own sales were weak,

# Fox Snares Popular Director

### 'Terminator' Maker Signs \$500 Million Pact

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Larry Kasanoff, head of Lightstorm.

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By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - In the age of film megadeals, one of the biggest of all was made this week when 20th Century Fox and James Cameron, director of such films as "Terminator 2," signed a five-year agreement the studio said was valued at about \$500 million.

A buoyant Joe Roth, chairman of Fox studios, said the amount represented a portion of the costs of the next 12 films that Mr. Cameron would produce for the studio, four of which he will direct.

What makes the arrangement unusual is that it gives a director artis-tic control over all of his films, as well as enormous financial leverage and independence. How much money will go to Mr. Cameron personalwas left undisclosed, but it is considerable. Although Fox will provide a hefty share of the linamoing for the films, other sources, probably from outside the United States, will also invest.

From the viewpoint of Fox, including Mr. Roth and Rupert Murdoch, the chairman of Fox Icc., the deal, announced Tuesday, virtually guarantees a potential blockbuster for each of the next five years.

Mr. Cameron wrote and directed such science-fiction extravaganzas as "The Terminator," which grossed \$38 million 1984; and directed, cowrote and produced "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," which grossed \$204 million in 1991, "Airen," which grossed \$60 million in the United States, in 1979, and "Aliens," which grossed \$81 million in 1986. Many of these movies were enormously expensive to make, 100. Estimates of the cost of Terminator 27 reached as high as \$100 million.

Mr. Roth said: "This is the first time I can remember where a director of this stature has said, 'I'il give you my exclusive services as a writer, director and producer.' He's arguably one of the biggest names in lary rights to the films was not a the industry, and what he told us, in effect, is that he wants to control these deals in the near future," Mr.

Dawn Steel, a former Columbia About 60 percent of the profits Pictures chairwoman and a producof many American films, especially er, said: "It's really a very important high-tech adventure movies, come deal for Fox. There are few filmfrom overseas markets. makers who can generate their own material like James Cameron."

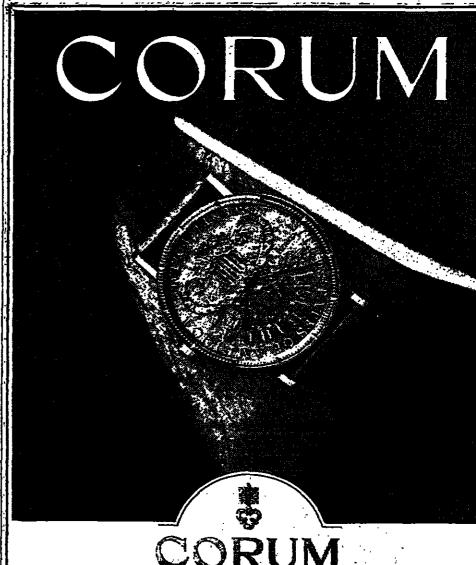
According to the announ on Tuesday, Fox will control do-mestic distribution rights, including theatrical, video and television outlets. But the foreign market, as well as music and merchandising remains up for grabs, giving Mr. Cameron and Mr. Kasanoff enor-mous financial flexibility.

Mr. Kasanoff said: "Fox wins because they get all our films exclusively. On the other hand, we have a place to go to - Fox - that will distribute all our movies. We may have just made a deal where every-body wins."

Mr. Cameron, 37, has gained a reputation as one of the most creative filmmakers in the past de-cade. "The Terminator," which he made on a shoestring, became a Cameron; Larry Kasanoff, who runs Lightstorm; Jeff Berg, chairman of International Creative classic of apocalypse-minded sciManagement, the talent agency hat represented them, and Fox.

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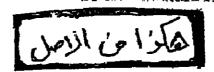




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# Airline Issues Fall For 3d Straight Day

Compiled in Our Staff From Despatches
NEW YORK — Airline stocks were pressured for the third straight day but bank issues recorded a second day of gains on Wednesday, while much of Wall Street took a breather from the hectic price move-

ments of recent sessions. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 4.48 points, to 3,338.77, while declining issues outnumbered ad-

### N.Y. Stocks

vancers by a few stocks in heavy New York Stock Exchange trading. Secondary issues fared better, with the Nasdaq composite over-the-counter index up 3.18, to 578.23.

was another matter, tumbling 11.21 more than 40 points in the two pre-vious sessions on fears of profitabili-

There's still pressure on the airlines because of fare war perceptions, and there's still some interest in bank stocks off of the earnings."

Treasury issues were mixed as and Delta Airlines fell % to 57%. the market weighed the results of

the Treasury's auction of \$14.75 billion of two-year notes at an average and high yield of 5.43 percent, a little higher than had been expected. The beliwether 30-year bond was down 4/32, at 99 18/32, for a yield of 8.04 percent, up from 8.03 percent late Tuesday.

At 8 percent and above, Treasury bond yields compete with stock-dividend yields for investor cash. Certificates of deposit expiring this month had been expected to send millions of small investors into stocks, but higher bond yields could divert some of that cash.

The most-active New York Stock Exchange issue was Citicorp. The Dow transportation index up 11s to 19% after a rating upgrade from PaineWebber following the pc ats, to 1,343.61, after falling company's positive first-quarter

earnings report on Tuesday. Chase Manhattan followed, up 1% to 26%. Wells Fargo rose 3% to BankAmerica rose 2 to 47, after

completing its \$5 billion acquisition of Security Pacific, the largest banking merger in U.S. history. said John Blair, head of equity trading at County NatWest Securities.

Among airlines, AMR dropped 24 to 654, UAL lost 24 to 1224

(Bloomberg, UPI, Reuters)

# **Dollar Closes Lower Amid Big Sale Order**

Compiled by Our Staff From Congaches NEW YORK - The will at ended mostly lower Wednes ov in quiet trading punctuated order to sell dollars : Deut-

sche marks around milliony. Several traders said the burst of dollar sales originated with a South-

### Foreign Exchange

east Asian central bank. Others said it was a U.S. money-center bank. The dollar closed at 1.6623 DM, down from 1.6690 DM on Tuesday, and at 134,235 yen, unchanged, It also ended at 1,5415 Swiss

francs, down from 5.6390 francs. Traders said the U.S. currency was kept in narrow ranges by cantion ahead of the weekend meeting of the Group of Seven industrialized nations. "The G-7 rumor mill is already working overtime, and there's talk of yen support and

said a U.S. trader in London. The British pound closed at \$1.7625, up from \$1.7504. The pound continues to ride a wave of market satisfaction over the Conservative Party victory in the general election on April 9.

pressure on Germany to cut rates."

The mark, meanwhile, has come under pressure from fears that public-sector workers are squaring up for a confrontation over pay, and speculation that Germany might be-urged to lower its interest rates at

the G-7 meeting this weekend.

Traders said they were awaiting the March U.S. durable-goods or ders figures, due out Thursday, for an indication of the state of the U.S. economy. Analysts noted however, that the data were subject to big swings because of defense and aircraft orders.

Economists predicted, on average, a 1.7 percent rise in orders, after a 0.3 percent decline in February.

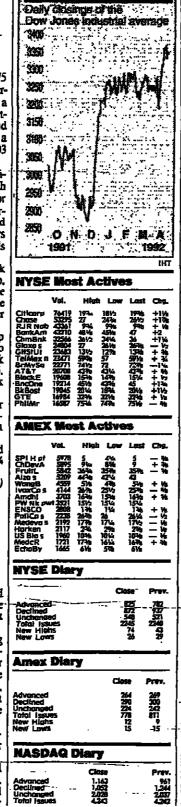
Mike Feeny, senior trader and francs, down slightly from 1.5450 market analyst at Sumitomo Bank, francs, and at 5.6155 French said traders were unlikely to find

any reasons for bidding the dollar higher than 1.6725 DM this week. The wide interest-rate differential between Germany and the United States means that traders are sacrificing about 5.56 percent-age points in yield on three-month deposits by holding dollars instead

of marks, traders said. Any rise in the dollar will be hampered unless consistent evidence of a brisk U.S. economic recovery, or increased chances of lower German interest rates, nar-

rows the differential, they said. Earlier in London, the dollar was at 1.6605 DM, down from 1.6665 DM, and 134.15 yea, up from

134.05 yea. (Reuters, Bloomberg)



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# Total Buys Into Portugal

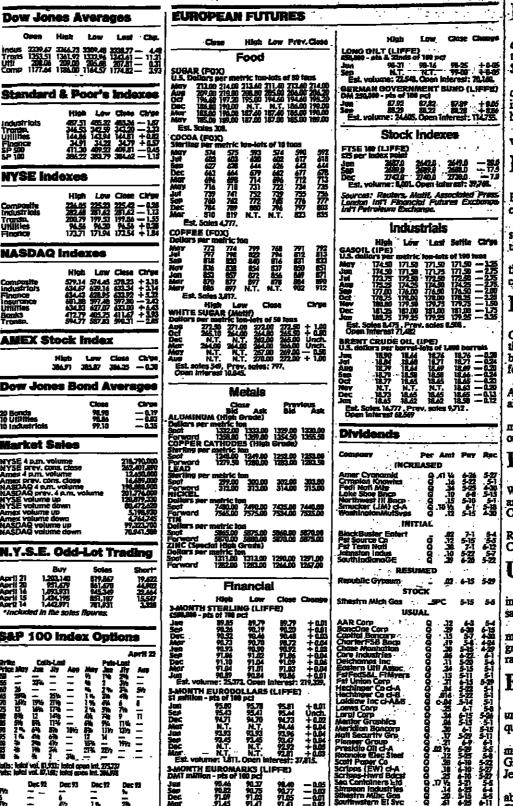
PARIS — Total-Compagnie Française des Petroles said Wednesday that the acquisition of a 51 percent stake in the Portuguese state oil refiner Petrogal by Total and nine Portuguese investors would give it a bigger stake in the Iberian and African markets,

The group, in which Total has a 48 percent stake, will acquire 25 percent of Petrogal immediately from the Portuguese state and another 26 percent in the next three years.

Total could not give financial details.

Petrogal is Portugal's only refiner and has a total capacity of 290,000 barrels a day at three refineries at Sines, Oporto and Lisbon. It has more

than 50 percent of the Portuguese market for main petroleum products.



### Dow Chemical Profit Plunges 70%

MIDLAND, Michigan (UPI) — Dow Chemical Co., citing the west economy, said Wednesday that first quarter net profit fell 70.4 percent in the first quarter, to \$171 million, or 62 cents a share, from \$578 million, or

52.13 a share a year earlier. The company noted that its results for the 1991 first quarter artinded a one-time pretax gain of \$213 million on the initial public of fexing of stock. one-time pretax gam of \$215 minute on merintan productive and since in Dester Energy Inc. and higher praces in anticipation of increased hydrocarbons costs related to the Gulf War.

In the first quarter of this year, praces were down 11 percent compared with the period a year earlier. Sales fell 6 percent, to \$4.63 billion.

### Phone Firms and IBM Form Alliance

SEATTLE (Renters) — Nine phone companies and International Business Machines Corp. forged an alliance Wednesday to give langue computer users access to data cheaply using the cellular phone system.

The companies pledged to fund the development of an industry standard for cellular communications based on technology that is four times faster than existing services.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. also agreed to enter trials of the technology litter this year by equipping mobile workers who need both wice and dan communications from their laptop personal computers.

### Pact Set on Sale of LTV Businesses

WASHINGTON (Remers) — Thomson-CSF of France, the Cartyle Group and LTV Corp. of the United States announced Wednesday that they had signed a definitive pact for Thomson to buy LTV's missile business for \$300 million and for Cartyle to buy LTV's aircraft business

As part of the missile-business deal, General Motors Corp.'s Husbe Aircraft unit will join Thomson as a minority partner in the purchase. The aircraft-business deal includes a \$110 million cash payment from Carlyle.

Thomson and LTV said they filed documents with the Treasury Department's Office of International Investment so that the Treasury's Committee. on Foreign Investment in the United States can review of the deal.

### Ralston Plans Bakery Unit Spin-Off

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (AP) — Raiston Purina Co. announced plans Wednesday to spin off Continental Baking Co., the maker of Twinking and Wonder Bread, into a separate company. As part of the deal, Continental would pay \$600 million to Raiston Purina.

Continental is America's largest wholesale bakery and was acquired by Ralston in 1984 from ITT Corp. The company also makes Hosess. Cupcakes and other popular breads and snacks.

### U.S. Per Capita Income Takes Dip WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' per capita income, adjusted for inflation, shrank in 1991 for the first time in nine years, the government

Personal income totaled \$19,082 per person last year, only 2.1 penent more than in 1990, the Commerce Department said. That marked a growth rate only slightly more than half last year's 4.1 percent inflation rate, as measured by the department's index for personal expenditures.

### For the Record

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Caterpillar Inc., recovering from a strike by the United Auto Workersunion, said Wednesday that losses surged more than fourfold in the first
quarter, to \$132 million, from \$32 million.

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General Motors Acceptance Corp. expects to recover about \$161
million by claiming assets of an auto dealer arrested for fraud last week.
GMAC's losses to John McNamara, owner of a GM dealership in Port

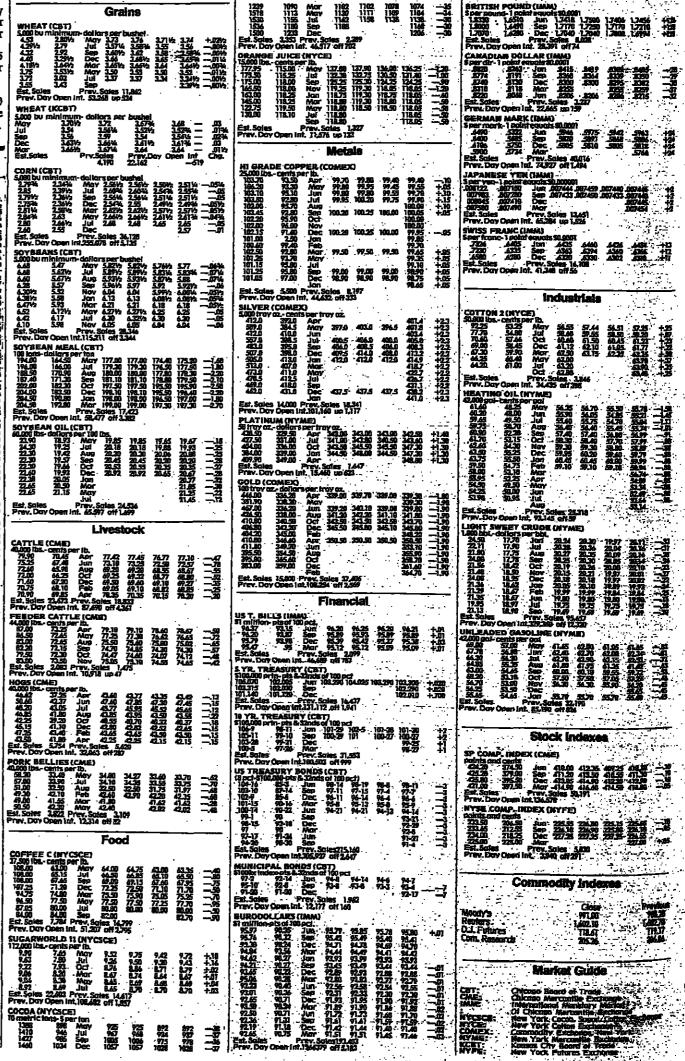
Jefferson, New York, should now total \$275 million, it said. (Bloc Washington, Arizona, California and Gregon will receive a little of about \$63 million from three oil companies to settle a price fixing largest filed in 1977, the Washington attorney general said Wednesday, Affantic Richfield Co. will pay \$25 million, Texaco Inc. \$18.35 million and Union Oil Co. \$19.5 million; how the money will be used was not known. (AP)

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EC Inquiry Uncovers Cheesy Subsidy Tactics By Charles Goldsmith scribed as provolone in order to qualify for a higher subsidy rate, while buttermilk powder was de-

International Herald Tribune BRUSSELS — While the European Community and the United States wrangled Wednesday in Washington over farm subsidies, an EC investigation showed Community dairy producers have resorted to a variety of unsavory tricks to boost their refunds from the controversial

Common Agricultural Policy.
The EC Court of Auditors, which conducted the inquiry, urged creation of an independent fraud squad, saying that national authorities could not adequately monitor the Community's farm export subsi-

The detailed investigation of two companies that receive about 10 percent of the EC's dairy refunds found an assortment of techniques used to boost subsidies. The auditors did not name the companies, saying they expected similar find-ings for others and felt identifying the initial offenders would be unfair.

Run-of-the-mill cheese was de-

scribed as semilat milk powder for

the same purpose.

Given the transnational charac-

Among the practices:

• Plastic wrapping was included in the weight of cheese to increase

• Cheese rejected for import in the United States because it contained human hairs was re-exported from the EC under a different description. "By calling it a different type of cheese, they lessened their chances of having it inspected by people who remembered the first lot," said John Carey, a member of the 12-person Court of Auditors.

ter of the farm export business, "the member states' control sys-tems are not designed to cope effectively," the Court of Auditors said. The release of the interim report by the EC Court of Auditors was untimely for the EC Commission. Its president, Jacques Delors, was ing in Washington with President George Bush to try to end the stalemate on farm subsidies that is

threatening world trade talks. EC export subsidies totaled 10 billion European currency units (\$12.23 billion) last year, of which

Loss Knocks Dan-Air Off '92 Target

### Very briefly: 2.7 billion was for dairy products.

LONDON — Davies & Newman Holdings PLC, parent of Dan-Air, reported Wednesday a 1991 pretax loss of £35.5 million (\$62.1 million) and

conceded that it would miss this year's profit target of £20 million.

The company, which now consists only of Dan-Air, made projections for the next four years as part of last year's £50 million refinancing that to the first four years as part of fast year's £30 million remaining that saved it from corporate failure. But it said the recovery in passenger traffic, after a poor 1991, had been weaker than expected.

Davies & Newman had a loss of £38.7 million loss in 1990. Revenue in 1991 amounted to £325.3 million, compared with £380.8 million in 1990.

The airline started restructuring last year to transform it from a charter airline into a mainly scheduled line.

### Asset Sales Push Nedlloyd Into Profit

ROTTERDAM - Koninklijke Nedlloyd Groep NV said Wednesday it had returned to profit in 1991, but the bulk of the turnaround was due to an extraordinary gain from asset sales.

network formed by British Telecommunications PLC to link 10 IBM sites in Europe, the companies said; terms of the deal were not disclosed: The Dutch transport and shipping company said 1991 net profit totaled 145 million guilders (\$77 million), compared with a loss of 148 million guilders for 1990. It posted an extraordinary gain of 139 million guilders. Nedlloyd said it was not proposing a dividend for the year, "in view of the composition of the net group result." • Worms & Co. of France said 1991 net consolidated profit totaled 1 billion French francs (\$177.6 million); the company was formed last year in a merger of Pechelbronn SA and Simer.

### O&Y Sells Stake in Finance Firm

The Associated Press

NEW YORK —Olympia & York Developments Ltd. raised about \$75 million from a short-term bank loan and the sale of shares in a Canadian financial firm, a company spokesman said Wednesday.

The money gives the world's largest commercial real estate developer

owner of Canary Wharf in London, time to pay expenses and breathing room in negotiations with lenders. The Toronto-based O&Y has suffered a cash crunch in recent months following a decline in the value of its property and business holdings.

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(Continued from first linance page) telecommunications and consumer-electronics markets, the venture provides better vertical integration, analysts say, and helps reduce overall costs of research.

duplication of expensive research and development," said Heinz Hagmeister, chairman of Philips Semiconductor. "This is one of the

profit by targeting the areas of the electronics industry that are set for the most rapid growth. The market for consumer electronics, which

has been depressed for the past 2 years, is expected to enjoy a worldwide rebound of 3 percent to 5 percent by 1994. Telecommunications will jump almost 10 percent worldwide by that year, analysts say, with some areas booming at

The agreement between the two after the announcement of an ac-cord between France's Thomson-CSF and International Business Machines Corp. to cooperate on computer-memory chips. Thom-son-CSF is 60 percent-owned by Thomson SA, the state-held com-pany that owns the French half of SGS-Thomson.

### BANK: HSBC Pressures Midland

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Ymos AG, the German car components maker, said it would restructure

million) in the March quarter, as profit surged at the H.J. loci gold mine. Abbey National PLC's chairman, Sir Christopher Tugendhat, said

higher-than-expected mortgage arrears and house repossessions in early 1992 would lead to "a higher level of provisioning" by the company.

 Telefónica de España SA said it was posting losses of 100 million pesetas (\$960,000) a day because of delays in approving tariff increases. · Many French ports were paralyzed Wednesday as striking longshore-

men launched an open-ended work stoppage to protest a government bill that includes a measure to eliminate lifetime job guarantees.

The World Bank will grant Algeria loans totaling \$400 million to \$600 million to help finance housing and construction and to support fiscal reform plans, the official news agency, APS, said.

An EC Commission envoy is in Tokyo to try again to obtain a substantial cut in Japanese car exports to Europe in 1992, sources said.

• International Business Machines Corp. will use a data-transmission

sesburg Consolidated Investment Co. said after-tax profit at its gold and uranium division rose 2.1 percent, to 59.602 million rand (\$20.6

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In addition, analysts cite the attraction for Lloyds of huge tax credits Midland has accumulated

via years of heavy losses. Mr. Purves insisted that he, too. saw economies of scale to be realized by tarying Midland. He said that the rewards from those econo-mies would be "materially better" than the £190 million in costs he expected to incur in absorbing the

Analysts remain largely unconvinced: "There is no synergy, no rationale, this bank would be a jack of all trades and a master of none."

He also suggested that, given that lack of synergy, HSBC might have difficulty raising its bid above 400 pence. In contrast, he estimated Lloyds might go as high as 450 pence to 500 pence, without risking a dilution of its earnings.

March 31,

risen in the last week to as high as 396 pence. A bidding contest that forced HSBC suddenly to up its ante could throw that virtuous cir-

Many bankers also say that the industry would be better served if Midiand were bought by floyds. Much of the overcapacity that has held back British bank carnings. they contend, would be swept away by a wholesale closing of branches and consolidation of operations. "This is just the sort of thing that

ought to happen to make a more efficient banking industry," said a senior banker in London.

Still, he said he would prefer to see HSBC carry the day. "It would be far less predatory a bank."

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Some analysts also noted that the value of HSBC's stock and the value of its bid have risen on speculation that Midland would go for a

# REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK

A SUBSIDIARY OF REPUBLIC NEW YORK CORPORATION Consolidated Statements of Condition

•	Mar	ch 31,	Liabilities and	Mar	ch 31,
Assets	1992	1991	Stockholder's Equity	1992	1991
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Cash and due from banks	\$ 314,984	\$ 293,126	Non-interest bearing deposits:		
interest bearing deposits			In domestic offices	5 687,119	\$ 657,164
with banks,	8,775,523	8,159,798	In foreign offices	107,872	229,048
Precious metals	412,443	246,186	Interest bearing deposits:	4,031,832	4,551,107
nvestment securities	7,817,537	5,184,750	In foreign offices	12.462.564	10,766,192
rading account assets	258,612	86,888	Total deposits	17,289,387	16,203,511
ederal funds sold and	Todair	04,000	Short-term borrowings	2.633.049	969.607
securities purchased under	•		Acceptances outstanding	1.447.676	2.022.351
resale agreements	1.043.243	503,064	Accrued interest payable	215,888	195,519
oans, net of unearned	1,010,00	500,00	Other liabilities,	604,426	474,014
income	4,444,226	4.828.411	Long-term debt	1,914,206	. 1,104,377
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losses	(173,922)	(180,751)	Gumulative preferred stock.		
Loans (net)	4.270.304	4.647.660	\$100 par value: 1.000.000		
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			3,550,000 shares outstanding	355,000	355,000
Premises and equipment	303,815	318,456	Surplus	1.060.654	860.228
Accrued interest receivable	270.676	285,463	Retained earnings	358,784	337,451
nvestment in affiliate	531,501	510,918	Total stockholder's equity	1,774,438	1,652,679
Other assets	438,616	366,916			1,002,079
Total assets	\$25,879,070	\$22,622,058	Total habitties and stockholder's equity	\$25,879,070	\$22,622,058
		<del></del>	Letters of credit outstanding	\$ 1,168,886	\$ 1,337,999

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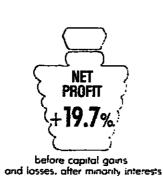
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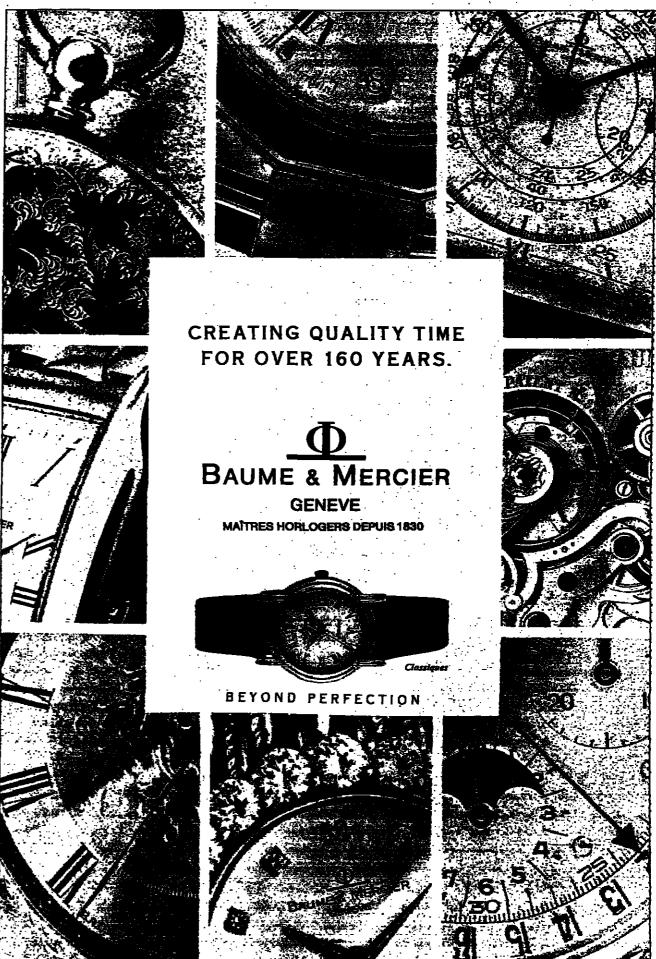
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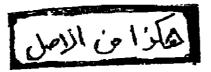
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Despite the difficult international situation in 1991, E'OREAL continued its growth in volume and improved its shares of the market. The strategy of the Group remains centered an internal protection, research and development, and the launch of innovative products.

The Board of Directors of L'OREAL, decided to propose to the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, convened on Tuesday, May 26, 1992, the distribution of a net dividend of \$1.62, an increase of 2016 from 1990. This dividend is for both ordinary shares and certificates of investment

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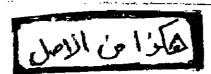
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# Taiwan Cashes In on Southern China

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TAIPEI - Cheng Shin Industrial of Taiwan, the world's largest bicycle-tire maker, recently paid \$20 million for a tire company in Xiamen, China, becoming one of a small but expanding group of Taiwan companies positioned to cash in on southern China's economic boom.

Sales from Cheng Shin's Chinese unit are expected to mount gradually and exceed those in Taiwan within five years, the company said late last year. Investors found that forecast compelling enough to push Cheng Shin's stock price up 35 percent between Dec. 10 and Jan. 21, after the investment was

Analysis say growing links to China by Cheng Shin and other companies listed on the Taiwan Stock Exchange are slowly breaking Hong Kong's lock on some of the most sought-after issues in the world today: those in companies positioned to prosper from southern China's economic boom and known as "China concept" stocks.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index has risen to record highs this year in part because of the impetus provided by Hong Kong listed companies with a strong presence in southern China. That same impetus may now begin to

be felt in Taiwan, analysts say.

"It's very exciting," says Chris Ruffle, the Taiwan representative for S. G. Warburg Securines: Hong Kong's stock market has been the center of attention for investors bullish on China, he said, but Taiwan offers even better

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losses, in millions, are in local currencies unless

opportunities over the long term on the strength of the matchup between its large manufacturing sector and the mainland's

low-cost work force. The potential is largely untapped because companies listed on Taiwan's stock exchange were given a workable legal framework by Taiwan authorities to invest in the mainland only last year. Previous investments were

### Taipei Lifts Gold Ban

TAIPE! — The cabinet has decided to lift a 43-year ban on gold exports in order to help the island become one of Asia's major finan-

cial centers, officials said Wednesday. Bullion dealers welcomed the decision, saying it would have the effect of boosting imports to about 200 metric tons this year.

Tong Meng-hea, vice president of Hung Foo Bullion Co., said: Many companies have limited import volumes because they worried they could not sell all they bought. Now they can buy more because they will be able to re-export the metal if they cannot sell it locally."

made by smaller companies willing to bear the wrath a government wary of allowing businesses to develop ties with their ideological adversaries across the Taiwan Strait. Analysts say cross-strait business will continue to expand rapidly this year and then soar if the government lifts a requirement that trade and investment be conducted

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through third countries, as expected. Direct trade and transportation is currently banned. Taiwan offers two broad types of "China concept" stocks; companies that have not built their own mainland facilities, and those

with physical investments in China. The first group includes Yuen Foong Yu Paper, Nan Ya Plastics and San Fong Chemical, all of which export a large volume of goods to China. These companies have tried to keep a low profile about their mainland shipments because Taiwanese authorities are

wan's total exports at 10 percent. The second group, which has gained more attention locally, includes Cheng Shin and about a dozen other companies. Food companies including President Enterprises, Wei Chuan Food, Great Wall Enterprises and Tateh Agricultural Industries have taken the lead, according to a report from Wardley

seeking to cap China's rising share of Tai-

James Capel Taiwan. Analysts bullish on Taiwan's China concept stocks say relatively strict disclosure and accounting rules on the island make Taiwan stocks less risky than new issues that can be purchased by foreign investors on China's new stock exchanges.

Others warn that sales and earnings from Chinese operations of Taiwanese companies account for a much lower percentage of com-pany totals than in Hong Kong. President Enterprises has several projects in China but their contribution to sales will be less than 5 percent for the next two years, said Dixon Ho, vice president of W. I. Carr (Taiwan).

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### Japan Is Losing Battle For Lower Bond Yields

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The rising yields mean that banks that raise money by selling bonds will have to pay more for financing. Those banks are likely to pass on the cost in the form of higher interest rates on loans, the analysts said.

The Finance Ministry has been trying to revive the economy by keeping lending rates low. The set their prime rate at 0.9 percenthigher yields are largely due to the age point above the coupon on fivedrop in Japanese stock prices, which has hurt sentiment toward all ven-denominated securities.

In an effort to reverse the trend. the Finance Ministry has been trying for weeks to prop up bond

prices by reducing supply.

But "the ministry has been fight-TOKYO - The Japanese Fi- ing a war with the market and.

The outcome of the battle will be on corporate loans and a slower clear on Friday, when three banks that specialize in long-term loans announce their long-term prime lending rate for May, analysts said.

> The three banks - Industrial Bank of Japan Lid., Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd. and Nippon Credit Bank Ltd. — sell debentures as their primary means of raising money for lending. They year debentures.

Last month, the banks sold fiveyear debentures with a 5.1 percent coupon, so the long-term prime rate was set at 6.0 percent. On Wednesday, the yield on five-year dehentures was at 5.47 percent.

### Simex Rebuffs Tokyo's Plea Sources: Reuters, AFP

TOKYO - The Singapore International Monetary Exchange president, Ang Swee Tian, rejected Wednesday a call from the Tokyo Stock

Exchange for stricter rules on futures trading. "It is difficult to accept outside supervision," Mr. Ang said in a telephone interview

On Tuesday, Minoru Nagaoka, president of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, asked Simex to bring its regulations on the trading of Japanese stock-index futures into line with Japanese rules. Mr. Nagaoka said he had been told that Simey had accepted the proposal. Tokyo exchange officials want trading of Japanese stock-index futures curtailed because they believe the futures have contributed to the 25 percent drop in Tokyo

Japan specifically wants Singapore to double margins on futures trading, said Mitsuo Sato, deputy president of the Tokyo exchange.

### VW to Cut Tie With Japan Importer

TOKYO - Volkswagen AG and its importer in Japan. Yanase & Co., have agreed to end a 4-year import accord next Jan. I. an official of Volkswagen's Japanese sales unit said Wednesday.

Currently, both Yanase, Japan's largest car importer, and the VW unit

Volkswagen Audi Nippon KK — import VW and Audi passenger cars. But Volkswagen, which aims to more than double its Japanese sales of Volkswagen and Audi cars, has decided to reduce import costs by taking full responsibility, said the Volkswagen Audi Nippon official. Foreign carmakers are required to make alterations to their cars to ensure that they conform with Japanese standards. Until now, Yanase has overseen the changes.

Under a new agreement, Yanase will continue to sell Volkswagen and Audi passenger cars in Japan, the official said.

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### Very briefly:

 Fujitsu Ltd. of Japan and Samsung Electronics Co. of South Korea have signed a cross-licensing deal to use each other's chip technology patents. • Lippo Ltd., the Hong Kong property company, said after-tax profit climbed to 16.2 million Hong Kong dollars (\$2.1 million) in the year that ended Dec. 31, from 3.7 million dollars the year before.

• Philippine National Bank reported net income of 906 million pesos (\$37.6 million) for the first quarter of 1992; the bank also said it was delaying its full privatization until after national elections May 11. Nomura Securities said it had an unrealized loss of 34.54 billion ven on securities in the year that ended March 31.

Honda Motor Co. is considering making operations in North America. Europe and Asia financially independent from the Japan headquarters. • American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and China's Directorate General of Telecommunications have reached a deal under which Chinese citizens will be able to call the United States from their home telephones. AFP, Bloomberg, AP, Rewers

### Hyundai Needs an Emergency Loan

The Associated Press

SEOUL - The Hyundai Group, in a financial pinch since its founder started an opposition political party, needs an emergency loan to avoid default on a major bill, company officials said Wednesday. In South Korea, a dishonored bill can lead to business failure by

triggering a flurry of requests for debt repayment.

The case was the latest in a series of problems for South Korea's second-largest company since the founder. Chung Ju Yung, formed the Unification National Party early this year. Mr. Chung, who has accused the government of mismanaging the economy, plans to run for president.

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# SPORTS BASKETBA

# Round One: The Old and the New

The first round of the National Basketball Association playoffs could feature another Indiana-Boston war, Utah and New York battling emotional wounds and Miami trying to overcome a 29-game regu- Schrempf, still the sixth man. lar-season deficit.

. The Los Angeles Lakers are making their 16th consecutive playoff appearance in an unfamil- the playoffs again. iar underdog role after beating the

### NBA PLAYOFFS PREVIEW

odds to get a berth on the final day of the season. And the crosstown Clippers will play their first postseason games in 16 years.

. Injuries, the great playoff equalizer, are popping up nearly every-where. Three of the game's biggest stars are ailing: Michael Jordan in Chicago, Larry Bird in Boston and Clyde Drexler in Portland.

Jordan, who strained his lower back while scoring 32 points in Sunday's season-finale against Detroit, underwent 45 minutes of treatment after the game. The sixtime scoring champion predicted that he would be fine by the time the Bulls face the Miami Heat in the series opener.

The news was equally good in Portland, where Drexler sat out the last four games of the regular season because of a sprained right knee. He went full speed through a workout Monday and said he was ready.

Bird, who missed the last eight

games of the season — all victories as the Celtics earned the No. 2 seeding in the Eastern Conference - is doubtful for Boston's opener against Indiana.

With the seedings in parentheses, a look at the pairings in the best-offive games series, which begin Thursday and Friday:

EASTERN CONFERENCE Heat (8) vs. Bulls (1): Chicago is 14-0 against Miami in the four years since the Heat joined the NBA, and there's little reason to expect a first defeat now. Glen Rice made giant strides toward all-star status in bringing Miami to its first playoff appearance, but the Bulls have two Olympians in Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. Chicago won 67 games, Miami 38.
Pacers (7) vs. Celtics (2): Even

without Bird, the Celtics finished with a rush to win the Atlantic Division. Bird loves to play against

Chuck Person, who was outstanding in the Pacers' 3-2 first-round loss to Boston last season, Detlef emerged as Indiana's best allaround player as the team came back from a terrible start to make

Nets (6) vs. Cavaliers (3): Despite the NBA's second-best record. Cleveland had to settle for a No. 3 seeding because it plays in the same division as the Bulls. The Cavaliers are battling nagging inju-ries to key players Brad Daugherty and Mark Price, plus a more serious knee injury to guard Craig Eblo. But the Cavs are too solid for the volatile Nets, who seem too interested in coach Bill Fitch's substitution decisions. Like Michigan in the college ranks, New Jersey has the talent on hand to go further in the playoffs, but the Nets could learn some maturity from the Wol-

Pistons (5) vs. Knicks (4): New York's coach, Pat Riley, swears there will be no psychological scars from blowing the No. 2 seed to Boston. But there are other wounds to New York's psyche that are closer to this series — like the 61 points the Knicks scored recently against Detroit. The home-court advantage will work in the Knicks' favor if they start well, but the edgy New York fans will remember the fivegame lead with eight to play if things start going poorly. The Pis-tons also have walked a psychologi-cal tightrope lately, following a 1-6 stretch with a six-game winning streak.

verines' freshmen.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Lakers (8) vs. Trail Blazers (1): These Lakers aren't very similar to the franchise's 15 other playoff teams in the last 16 years. There's no Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, James Worthy and Sam Perkins to intimidate the opposi-tion. Houston blew this playoff berth more than Los Angeles won it. In this series, Clyde Drexler, Terry Porter, Buck Williams and Jerome Kersey aren't likely to follow the Rockets' lead. If center Kevin Duckworth continues his recent resurgence, Portland will be more dangerous than ever.

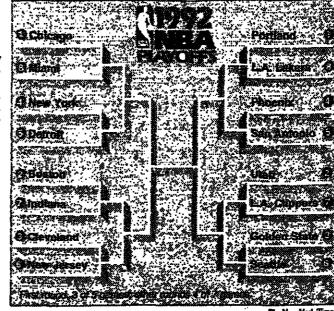
Clippers (7) vs. Jazz (2): Utah is the Western Conference's answer

his home state's team, and he'll be to the Knicks when it comes to Karl. The SuperSonics certainly there if his aching back will let him.

His presence also fires up Indiana's Jazz won the Midwest by eight deficient Golden State trouble ingames, so their ability to win the side with Benoit Benjamin and close ones is still in question after last-day division losses the previ-Shawn Kemp. In Ricky Pierce and Eddie Johnson, the Sonics also have the scorers to match Chris ous two years and first-round playoff defeats in 1989 and 1990. The Mullin, Tim Hardaway, and Sar-Clippers, who have played far bet-ter than seventh-seed level since unas Marciulionis.

Larry Brown took over as coach, could prove to be a rough first-round test. But the determination of Olympians Karl Malone and John Stockton and Utah's outstanding record at home should carry the Jazz over Danny Manning and Ron Harper. erSonics (6) vs. Warriors (3): Seattle is another team that im-proved after a midseason coaching

Spurs (5) vs. Suns (4): This is, of course, a more interesting series if David Robinson plays for San Antonio. Tom Chambers is hobbled for Phoenix and several Suns teammates are fighting nagging injuries, but nothing approaches the loss of Robinson to the Spurs, who went 5down the stretch without him. Even with Robinson, the Suns would be tough at home for the Spurs, so San Antonio needed the change, from K.C. Jones to George home-court advantage.





ALL-POWERFUL ALL BLACKS — Two of New Zealand's All Blacks, Eroni Clarke (12) and Walter Little (10), smothering Jannie Classens of the World XV rugby team in a test match in Wellington on Wednesday. The All Blacks blazed to a 54-26 victory, scoring 10 tries to the world selection's five. It was the second of three tests marking the New Zealand rugby union's centennial.

# Can Bulls Ride the Crest fig. To a 2d Straight Title?

By Ira Berkow

HICAGO — Here in the Venice of the West, where people now paddle through the hallways of their offices, the National Backethall-Association playoffs come just in time. It may take some minds off the flooding of the Loop area from the waters of the Chicago River: While the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and assorted other agencies hattle the flood disaster, now in its

second week, and radio reports in Varitage form where to find mass transporta-Point tion shuttles to avoid saturated streets and sodden subways, the

Bulls, high and dry, and happy about it, began preparation Tuesday to defend their title:

In suburban Deerfield, they held their first practice of the real season—the playoffs—after racking up a 67-15 record in the six-month warm-The fourth-best regular-season mark in NBA history was nice, but it

does not mean all that much since a new day will dawn Friday night, when the Bulls play host to the Miami Heat in the first round of what they anticipate will be a total of four rounds, ending, as it did last season, in

"Now reality sets in," said the lengthy coach, Plai Jackson.
"In a large sense," said Bill Cartwright, the center, "it all just comes down to the playoffs,"

So they arrived at the Multiplex, a workout emporium for the locals

that houses a small gymnasium, and they came nearly as was written at the time of another notable flood — "two of every sort," when "all the fountains of the great deep were broken up and the windows of heaven

Here came a pair of large pivotmen, Cartwright and Will Berdue, and a pair of small guards, John Paxson and B. J. Armstrong, and a pair of the forwards, Horace Grant and Scotty Pippen, and — wait a manute.
Where's the other gny? Where's Michael Jordan? The Bulls know that they must have Jordan if they are to set sail with

And we recall: After Sunday's finale, a victory over the Detroit Pistons, Jordan was in terrible pain, having suffered from lower back spasms. He had injured himself in the first quarter, but insisted on playing the full game, wearing a back brace, and wound up scoring 32 points.

He was well aware that he needed to score more than 30 points to bring his beauty led first every to 30 a same for a sixth straight season. He also his league leading average to 30 a game for a sixth straight season. He also finished as the NBA scoring leader for the sixth straight season — and finished on his hands and knees and in agony in the trainer's room.

It seems that as hurt as he sometimes is, he comes back as if having taken a miracle drug. Buils watchers remember, for example, a game in Portland in November when his back hart so badly he could not take off his game jersey, and boarded the plane still wearing it. The next might. against Sacramento, he scored 30 points.

"Where's Michael? Is Michael here?" someone now asked at the

Just then, via the back door, in came Jordan. Alone. Which probably would have been the case had he climbed aboard the old ark because there has never been another quite like him. He walked a little stiffly; but easily. He didn't practice, but hing out in the trainer's room. Health report: good.

Health report: good.

D HIL JACKSON recalls the 1973 New York Knicks, who best Boston in the playoffs, after the Celtics had won 68 games during the regular season. "Yes," said Jackson, "Twe alluded to such things with my guys." Despite such reality checks, the Bulls remain the best team in basket-ball. Still, accidents do happen. And Chicago has had its abare. Ask the people downtown who are now investing in periscopes,

But that involved the Chicago River. The Jordan has proved more

### **BOOKS**

CAST NO SHADOW: The Life of the American Spy Who Changed the Course of World pumps. "A thousand apologies," said the guard, as he backed away, leaving the amorous couple ample time to pass the code books out of the windows so they

teon Books, 201 East 50th Street, New York, New York 10022. Reviewed by Teresa Riordan

THE spy career of Elizabeth (Betty)
Thorpe Pack, who is best known by the code name of Cynthia, was as daring and dangerous and scenically rich as that of Mata Hari. Full of seduction and intrigue, the story of this American debutante turned British agent is only now being fully told, in Mary S. Lovell's wellresearched biography.

Pack was a devastatingly packaged femme fatale: amber blond hair, expressive eyes "like a dash of green chartreuse in a pool of limpid brandy," and a sirenlike, mellifluous voice. The height of her career came 50 years ago this spring in Washington, when she made a series of white-knuckle attempts to burgle the Vichy France Embassy of its naval code books. On her final attempt to crack the embassy code safe, Pack and her Vichyturncoat lover, Charles Brousse, were caught by the flashlight of a suspicious guard. Pack had heard the guard's footfalls, however, and had taken the precaution of removing all her clothes-save a string of pearls and a pair of high-heel could be photographed by waiting agents. This scene may be familiar to spy

By Mary S. Lovell. 398 pages. \$25. aficionados, but except for a sloppy biography/memoir from 1066 but 7500 biography/memoir from 1066 biography/memoir from graphy/memoir from 1966 by H. Montich of the rest story has gone unchronicled.

Lovell attributes the historical neglect of Betty Pack to a sort of "old boy protectionism" among professional spies, who have discounted the work of amateurs — particularly those doing the "dirty work" of sex for secrets — so as not to detract from their own glory.

That Pack made an important contribution to the war effort is indisputable. Churchill himself acknowledged the importance of the BSC (the British counterpart to the OSS) infiltration of the Vichy embassy, and Loveli tells us that the agency shared Pack's dispatches with President Roosevelt within hours after they had been filed. Indeed, the French naval codes that Pack and Brousse procured appear to have yielded intelligence that was key to the successful Allied landing in North Africa.

Pack's official role with British intelli-gence began in 1937, when her husband, Alfred, a British foreign service officer, was posted to Warsaw. The Packs had just come from Spain, where Betty, in her mid-20s, had formed purely avocational liaisons with an air force officer, a diplo-mat, and, incredibly, a priest. In Poland

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she proved willing to sleep around in a more professional capacity.

She took as a lover a highly placed Polish count who passed along intelligram arrived in formula of the count of the count of the country of the co gence on the crucial German cipher ma-chine known as Enigma, as well as information on Nazi plans to annex the Czechoslovak Sudetenland. By the time proved herself a valuable agent.

One can't help wishing the narrative had been executed with a bit more verve. Lovell reduces the most important seduction of Pack's professional and personal life (Charles Brousse) to an economical passage: "After a few passionate kisses in the hallway, he picked Betty up and carried her up the narrow stairs . . . laid her on the bed and began to undress her."

Contrast that with Pack's own breathy account, which (no doubt hyped by an editor) appeared in British newspapers in the early 1960s: "He planted a long, passionate kiss on my lips and pressed my back against the door until I was limp. Then he swung me easily off the floor and started to carry me up the stairs. 'Charles,' I remonstrated feebly, what are you do not?' He looked at me hungily 'I set note.' ing? He looked at me hungrily. Inst point out your bedroom, he said. You have nothing to fear, cherie." Ah, yes, c'est la guerre.

Teresa Riordan, a Washington writer who is working on a screenplay based on the life of Betty Pack, wrote this for The Washington Post.

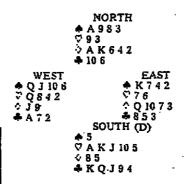
# **BRIDGE**

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IN IOUR BEARTS THERE WAS A TRAD TO AV after winning the opening spade lead with dummy's ace. A routine player would take a heart finesse, and lose to the queen. West would continue spades and South would lose control. West would play another spade on gaining the lead with the club ace, and the defense would prevail

Instead South immediately cashed her ace and king of hearts and played clubs. West took the ace and continued spades forcing a ruff. The declarer continued clubs, and was a tempo ahead. Westcould take two trump tricks whenever he chose, but the contract was safe.

South was willing to lose two trump tricks and perhaps sacrifice an overtrick if the hearts were more favorably placed. But that would have been a small price to pay for bringing home a game.



Both bidding: sides were vulnerable. The South 2 ♦ 2 ♦ 3 ₹ Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass West led the spade queen.

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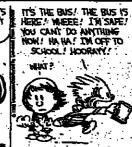


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# Big Money and Bigger Egos Maneuver for Yachting's Biggest Prize

shington Post Service SAN DIEGO — Sir Michael Fay was firm about it. "No," he told the counter-man at Kennucky Fried Chicken, "I

don't want the three- or five-piece special. I want four pieces, all thighs."

"I'm going to have to charge you \$1 extra," said the counterman. That's O.K.," said Fay. "I think I can

Even a multimillionaire has to eat, and when Fay's day runs long and he misses the New Zealand team dinner at Oakwood Apartments on Coronado Island, where his 100-member America's Cup assemblage lives, he pops over to the KFC carryout line.

I think they put something in the chicken, don't you?" asked the merchant banker. "Something to keep you coming

The same might be said of the cup

For 141 years, barons of industry and commerce like Fay have been drawn to sailing's grand event like moths to a flame. Some come away scorched, others burnished to a rich, golden bue.

• Fay, who has sunk about \$65 million into pursuing the oldest trophy in sport over the last seven years and so far won only a knighthood for his efforts. His personal fortune is said to be well over \$100 million by New Zealand insiders.

· Raul Gardini of Italy, who headed the \$28-billion-a-year Montedison Corp. until recently, when an internal spat sent him packing with a \$450 million settle-

 Bill Koch, the defense candidate, who walked away from the family petro-leum dynasty with \$650 million and started his own \$1 billion alternativeenergy operation, Oxbow Corp.

These are the titans in pursuit of the prize that tantalized the likes of Harold Vanderbilt, Sir Thomas Lipton, Baron Marcel Bich, Ted Turner and the Aga

As the final round of trials moves fender beginning May 9, the big money and big egos are stepping up. Fay. Gardini. Koch. Each brings some-

Unsurprisingly, the 28th cup defense thing singular to the mix of king-size here has drawn its share of big spenders: personalities that colors the cup legend. Koch, 51, is the oddest duck of all. A tall, rangy Kansan with a mop of graying red hair and a doctorate from MIT, he will tell you with a straight face that he is sailing to prove that "an ordinary guy can win the cup." Koch is shoveling

> A halting public speaker. Koch is undeniably shy and proclaims distaste for publicity - yet he turns up at almost every press conference, usually in eyecatching garb.

money overboard at a rate of nearly \$1

Like Bich and Turner and Vanderbilt, Koch, a newcomer to the sport in the last eight years, likes the feel of the wheel in his hands, a trait that almost led to mutiny last month when his team of sailing professionals started losing races to Dennis Conner.

To his credit, Koch defused the revolt through heart-to-heart talks with leaders of his 250-member team. For a while, he even took himself off the boat. When the victories resumed, he was back roaming the cockoit like an overgrown kid.

just over a year has forged a superb team and produced the high-tech America3. But he has p one of the fleetest, sweetest, prettiest boats in the regatta. Unlike Koch, Gardini, the Italian syn-

Michael Fay. Raul Gardini, Bill Koch.

Each brings something singular to the mix of king-size personalities that colors the America's Cup legend.

dicate chief, would not touch the wheel on a bet. Gardini, 58, has been sailing competitively since he was 12, and fre quently rides in the stern of his plum red Il Moro di Venezia as nonparticipating 17th man when he is not watching from

But for all his peculiarities, Koch in the fantail of his 87-foot (26.40-meter) the first-ever defense beyond U.S. shores

But he has paid professionals doing the work in his sport, just as in his life. Gardini married into one of Europe's leading families when he wed Idina Ferruzzi in 1957, took over the family business when her father died in a plane crash 22 years later and built it into a multibillion-dollar European agrochemical dynasty over the last 12 years before

out last year. Gardini, called il Contadino, the Farmer, by the Italian press for his rough-and-tumble roots, claims to have once made his living by playing poker in a bar in Ravenna, Italy. He is a dapper, worldly chain-smoker with an easy, toothy smile.

succumbing to a family purge, bailing

Finally into the mix comes Fay, 43, the feisty New Zealander to whom the cup has become an obsession despite his not even liking to sail. He not only will not steer, he will not even go on the race boat, citing a tendency toward seasick-

Race horses are Fay's passion, but

in 1986-87, Pay reckoned that neighborand longtime sporting rival New Zealand had better be there.

He was in position to mount the effort as co-chairman of a booming Auckland merchant banking and brokerage house he had established with David Richwhite in the 1970s.

When his gang of Kiwi novices made it all the way to the challenger finals before being dispatched by Conner, Fay

caught "swamp-water fever," as he calls it, and he wanted more. His obsessive quest led to the regretta-ble fiasco of 1988, when he challenged under antiquated cup rules in a huge, 90-foot boat that was easily defeated by Conner's smaller catamaran in the come off Point Lome."

Now Fay is seen by many as the favorite to take the cun

Once the life of the party, Fay is not seen much around San Diego these days unless you happen to bump into him on the sidewalk. Content to roam behind the scenes, making final decisions, hedoes not attend press conferences and

Fay has hired Peter Blake, winner of the Whithread Round-the-World Race, to manage daily operations, and puts

increasing trust and confidence in his skipper, Rod Davis. Fay has been through it all. He watched his business boom after the remarkable Kiwi showing in Australia and

then bottom out when public disfavor followed the 1988 fiasco. Now Fay wants to win the prize, and he figures the way you do that is to keep your head down, your voice low and

The man all three hope to dethrone is Conner, the cupholder, son of a commercial fisherman who is trying to do this campaign all by himself for the first time naming up, the money he needs through corporate sponsorships instead of bowing to some megamillionaire who can underwrite the huge and often unpredictable costs.

Koch believes an ordinary man can win the cup, and Conner is trying to prove him right. But it is not looking too promising as Conner's struggling, one-boat campaign lurches closer to elimina-

# A Devil of a Night For Ranger Goalie

John Vanbiesbrouck gave up a month's worth of goals in one night. The wrong night.

Vanbiesbrouck came into Game

### STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

2 of the New York Rangers' Patrick Division semifinal series against New Jersey with an 11-game unbeaten streak during which he had allowed just 12 goals. He left with his first National Hockey League loss in two months after surrendering seven goals on 28 shots in New

Jersey's series-tying 7-3 victory Tuesday night in New York. We drove to the net and got more quality shots," said New Jer-sey's Claude Lemieux, who scored twice and excelled defensively. "We had the same chances as the first game. We just didn't put them in." Vanbiesbrouck had not lost since Feb. 20, had not allowed more than one goal in a game since Feb. 21 and had been superb in the Rang-ers' 2-1 series-opening victory. This time, though, he was ordinary and the Devils capitalized.

"We made some mistakes out there," said the Rangers' captain, Mark Messier, who scored a pair of

shorthanded goals.

Lemieux, the Devils' top scorer with 41 goals, was at his infuriating best as a pest - and also contributed the go-ahead goal at 17:42 of the second period. Laurie Boschman made it 4-2 just 56 seconds later, and Bill Guerin, a tookie, save New Jersey a three-goal lead just 32 seconds into the third period.

Messier's second shorthanded goal gave New York some hope, but power-play goals by Lemieux and Eric Weinrich put the game away.

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HOCKEY

to rout the visiting Pengu

Lemieux, who missed Game 1 with a braised shoulder, set up goals by Larry Murphy and Kevin Stevens in the first 7:08. But Washington took the lead before the end of the opening period on goals by Dmitri Khristich, Peter Bondra and Michal Pivonka, then dominated the last two periods.

ADAMS DIVISION Canadiens 5, Whalers 2: Denis Savard looked like his old self at the Forum, dishing out four assists as Montreal downed Hartford.

Bruins 3, Sabres 2: Adam Oates

showed why it is called "suddendeath" overtime when he scored off a faceoff at 11:14 to give the Bruins the victory at Boston Garden. After an icing call against Buffalo, Oates lined up for the draw to the left of the goaltender, Tom Draper, and timed it perfectly. whipping the puck past Draper for the winning goal.



Cleveland second baseman Carlos Baerga flipped over Toronto's Kelly Gruber, but Gruber was out. grounded out and Wallach singled,

# Edging Expos, Pirates Extend Winning Ways to 8 Games

Despite losing Bobby Bonilla, John Smiley and Bill Landrum, the Pittsburgh Pirates have not lost

Andy Van Slyke's two-run triple highlighted a five-run first inning and the Pirates held off a late raily to beat Montreal, 8-7, on Tuesday night in Montreal for their eighth straight victory.

The Pirates, who have won the last two NL East titles, sent nine men to the plate in the first. It was the fifth time in the last six games that Pittsburgh has batted around

Trailing 8-3 after seven inning Montreal closed to 8-5 in the eighth on homers by Tim Wallach and Rick Cerone off Jerry Don Gleaton. Ivan Calderdon hit a two-run homer with one out in the ninth, the first runs given up by Roger Mason in 19% innings and 14 appearances since the start of spring

Marquis Grissom on a flyont.
Phillies 7, Cubs 5: Pinch-hitter Wally Backman broke a 10th-inning tie with a two-run single as

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia railied in Chicago to ait a six-game losing streak With the score tied at 4, Philadelphia got a leadoff single in the 10th from John Kruk. Heathcliff Slo-cumb walked Darren Daulton, Julio Peguero sacrificed and Ruben Amaro was walked intentionally,

loading the bases. Backman, batting for Kim Batiste, hit a line drive off Slocumb's leg and the ball bounced into left field. Amaro took third on the play and scored on Jim Lindeman's

Mets 4, Cardinals 2: Willie Randolph broke a sixth-inning tie with a two-run double and Dwight Goo-

three starts this season as he comtinued a comeback from rotator cuff surgery in September. He gave up two reas on live hits, walked four and struck out three.

It also was a big night for the Mets catcher, Charlie O Brien, who scored twice, picked a numer off first and threw out two runners attempting to steal.

Padres 4. Braves 2: In San Diego, Fred McGriff hit his fifth homer as the Padres snapped a five-game losing streak.

The Padres scored three runs on 10 hits off Mike Bielecki before lie was forced out of the game in the fifth after being hit in the left knee by a line drive by Tony Gwynn. Atlanta's Deion Sanders had his 14-game hitting streak snapped, going 0-for-4

Reds 4, Dodgers 3: Bip Roberts hit a ne-breaking single in the sev-enth in Los Angeles as Cincinnati ended a four-game losing streak in a game that featured near-lights in the eighth and ninth innings.

Both benches emptied in the

eighth after Norm Charlton hit Darryl Strawberry on the right elbow. Strawberry beaded for the mound before he was stopped by tite plate umpire and the Reds catcher, Joe Oliver. No punches were thrown.

But Strawberry still looked like he wanted to get at Charlion after breaking up a double play at secand base moments later.

In the ninth, Roberts exchanged words with the Dodgers catcher. Mike Scioscia, after a pitch from walked away from the plate, then returned and argued again with Scioscia as both benches emptied. Strawberry had to be restrained by Reds first-base coach Tony Perez when he tried to get at Charlton

# A Complete Victor Again, Morris Shuts Down Indians, 2-1

Jack Morris just keeps winning, and so

does Toronto. Morris pitched a five-hitter for his second complete game of the season as the Blue Jays beat Cleveland, 2-1, Tuesday night in Toronto for their 13th consecutive victory over the Indians.

Morris, who struck out eight and walked none, increased his career record against satisfying because they're a better team

Major League Standings

against a club like Toronto.'

Yankees 4, White Sox 3: Ozzie Guillen, Chicago's three-time All-Star shortstop, tore two knee ligaments in a ninth-inning collision at Comiskey Park and will miss

Guillen went into left field for Mel Hall's fly ball and collided with Tim over the years when they weren't quite so torn ligaments due to hyperextension of his good a club," Morris said. "This one is right knee." said Dr. Scott Price, who was to perform arthroscopic surgery on Wednesday.

pitch to Aloman." Cook Said. "It was hit-ting White. That's one too many mistakes allowed one run and five hits in seven innings and Mike Henneman got six outs Red Sox 3, Brewers 1: Mike Gardiner

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

allowed two hits in seven innings and Jody Reed singled in the go-shead run in the Gardiner struck out a career-high nine and Danny Darwin got his first save since 1990. Boston, held hitless for 5% innings by

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tripled twice in a game for the second time within a week as visiting Baltimore sent Kansas City to its 12th loss in 13 games. Jose Mesa (1-1) gave up three runs and eight hits in 6% innings for his third victory

Mark Gubicza (0-2) was tagged for seven runs and nine hits in 3% innings for Kansas City, off to the worst start in franchise

Angels 3, Athletics 2: Lee Stevens and Gene Larkin hit a three-run homer and Rene Gonzales homered and Julio Valera Chuck Knoblauch hit his second career pitched four innings of one-hit relief as homer for the Twins, who won for just the

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FOOTBALL

Orioles 10, Royals 4: Brady Anderson hip. Bryan Harvey struck out the side in the ninth for his fourth save. Dave Stewart (1-1) gave up three runs and five hits in six-plus maings. He walked six, including four in the third inning.

Twins 5, Mariners 2: Pat Mahomes, at 21 the youngest starting pitcher in the American League, won his first major-league game by allowing one run in six innings as visiting Minnesota stopped a three-game

## SIDELINES

Prague Expels German Soccer Fans

PRACUE (AP) — At least 27 German soccer fans were expelled from the Czechosłovakia on Wednesday after hundreds of them went on a rampage in central Prague, the CSIK news agency reported.

They were among dozens detained by the police in Wenceslas Square after large groups of German teenagers smashed on windows, including those of at least two police cars, the authorities said. There were unconfirmed reports of at least one hooligan brandishing a gun. It was not immediately known how many people were injured.

The youths were among several thousand Germans in Prague for a friendly match Wednesday between Czechoslovakia and Germany.

### Indiana and UCLA Set for NIT Event

NEW YORK (AP) — Indiana and UCLA, which met for the West Regional title in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament last month, are among the 16 teams selected to play in the 1992 Preseason NIT in November.

The field for the eighth annual tournament was announced Tuesday. In addition to the Hoosiers and Bruins, seven other NCAA teams — Setob-Hall, Murray State, Florida State, Delaware, Texas-El Paso. Tulane and Iowa State — are in the field. Rutgers was the only team invited that played in the postseason NIT last month. The other teams chosen were Wagner, Siena, George Mason, St. Louis, Anburn and Indiana State.

### For the Record

Max Steinehramer has resigned as president of the Swiss Ski Federation following Switzerland's dismal performance at the Albertville Olynipics, where the team-won only one alpine medal.

Five former Soviet Castral Asian republies — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan — were granted provisional membership in the Olympic Council of Asia on Wednesday, allowing them to compete in the 1994 Asian Games in Japan.

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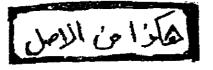
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# The Check Is in the Mail

WASHINGTON — The main concern over the congressional check-kiting scandal is now that they are so used to writing rubber checks, will members of the House of Representatives soon issue rubber ones for domestic and

foreign appropriations? Let's say that Congress votes \$30 billion in aid to Russia. Boris Yelt-

sin gets the check and takes it down to his local Pushkin Savings and Loan to cash it. The teller

savs. "Just a munute. please. and he goes to his computer. He is away for

an hour and a Buchwald half and on his return he tells him, "We're sorry, Mr. Yeltsin, but the computer indicates that there are no funds to cover this check."

Yeltsin blows up, "You must be crazy. It's issued by the United States House of Representatives and endorsed by all 535 members of Congress. It's as good as all the gold in Fort Knox."
That's what they want you to

think. But many congressmen have been writing rubber checks lately, and when we've called them on it they have been unable to make good on them.

By this time Yeltsin is boiling. He can't believe that a loyal ally such as the United States would stiff him for a measily \$30 billion. He puts a calf through to the House

### **Bus Traffic Vibrations** Seen as Threat to Uffizi

FLORENCE - Heavy bus traffic along the Arno River is threat-ening the Uffizi gallery, home to some of Italy's finest paintings, according to Florence's art officials.

Artworks superintendent Antonio Paolucci and the Uffizi's curator. Anna Maria Petrioli Tofani. have written to the mayor warning him that vibrations caused by the municipal buses could damage the 16th-century building, Paolucci's office said. About 500 buses a day use the narrow quayside that runs along one end of the Uffizi. Paolucci and Tofani urged the authorities to relocate the routes.

"This is Yeltsin. Your check bounced," he yells over the phone. "Just a moment. I'll transfer vou to the chairman of the Check-Bouncing subcommittee."

"House Check-Bouncing sub-

committee. What can I do for "I am Yeltsin, the Russian, and

you sent me a rubber check for \$30 billion.' "I'm sure there is a mistake. The House bank does not send out checks that are unsecured by

funds. "Maybe so, but when I handed the check in, the teller dribbled it for 10 minutes. Why does a superpower like the United States kite

"Well, to tell the truth, we've been a little short for the last three weeks. We were hoping that we'd have enough funds to cover yours when the tax revenues came in. Believe me, three months from now the check will be as good as Donald Trump's casinos."
"I can't wait three months. The

rent is due on the Kremlin, I have to pay interest on the Siberian junk bonds, and I promised the army a raise if they would support me. I went hat in hand to your Congress begging for money, and you stuck me with a bum check. Is that a way of showing American-Russian

friendship "Mr. Yeltsin, you are not being singled out for this kind of treatment. Many congressmen have been writing rubber checks for years on their own accounts. It appears that one of their personal bum checks was sent to you in

error. 'So what does that mean for Mother Russia?"

"We're going to get on it right away. Since it was obviously our mistake, we'll ask each member of Congress to chip in a part of his or her salary to make your check good."

"That solution smells fishy." Yeltsin said.

"Trust us, Mr. Yeltsin. When it comes to banking, our word is as good as our bond." "How will I know when to expect

the money? "We'll send you a fax in code which will read, Good news. Yeltsin - the check is in the mail.'

# Confessions of a Hopeless Mahngaholic

By T. R. Reid

TOKYO --- My name is T. R. Reid and I am a mahngaholic.

On the theory that the way to deal with addiction is to confront it openly, to confess to the world. I hereby reject all my former rationalizations — that I could quit any time I wanted, that I was only a social reader, that it didn't really bother me when my local dealer sold out before I could buy my weekly fix.

Rather, I now concede that I am hopelessly hooked on mahnga — the famous adult comic books that have become a dominant force in Japanese pop culture. Every Thursday morning I race to the

bookstore and plunk down 230 yen (\$1.85) for "Comic Morning." This 340-page weekly carries about 20 continuing comic strips, including the one I love most, "Section Chief Shima" - a gripping battle-inthe-suites corporate epic about one Shima-san. a hard-working "salaryman" at a giant consumer electronics company who wages a never-ending struggle for truth, profits and the Japanese Way.

You have to get to the newsstand early to buy "Comic Morning." The publisher prints 1.35 million copies each week, but they sell out by Thursday afternoon. By mahnga standards, though, even

"Comic Morning" is small potatoes. The most popular mahnga weeklies here, like "Youths' Jump" and "Young Champion," sell about 6 million copies, putting them among the world's best-selling magazines. The artists who write and draw the most popular makinga are themselves extremely popular — not to mention extremely rich. Because mahnga are so widely read, they are as powerful as television in shaping the

pop culture. Thus the mahnga artists play a major role in forming national attitudes, starting national fads and shaping the national language.

All of which means — this is what addicts always say, isn't it? — that I'm not the only one who's hooked on mahnea.

Comic books for adults are ubiquitous in Japan; you see people from every walk of life reading them. One of the classic images of contemporary Japan, in fact, is the scene of the pin-striped financial officers from the world's biggest banks and brokerage houses who board the commuter train after a busy day of supervising billion-dollar loans, open their Gucci briefcases and pull out comic books to read on the ride home.

It seems to be conventional wisdom in the United States that Japan's adult comic books are full of violence and sex. In a CBS News report (regularly cited here as evidence of America's dismal ignorance about Japan), John Leonard reported that he had rarely seen anything "as disturbing

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as the pornographic comics that sell in Japan in the tens of millions each week."

In a word, this is beloney. There are some downright raunchy mahnga here - usually sold in vending machines, to save the buyer from embar-rassment. But sales of this filth are small; the porn comics represent a tiny corner of the vast makinga world.

Actually, mahnga range over a broad canvas of styles and categories. There are comic textbooks and biographies, comic guides to cooking and golf, comic collections of famous mah-jongg games. There are many mindless joke strips. There are mahnga versions of Shakespeare, "The Communist Manifesto" and the Bible.
But for most of us addicts, the mahnga

that really matter are the "story comics," which introduce a setting and a panoply of characters, and set forth a story line that spins out for years or decades. In their depth and plotting, and particularly in the cinematic quality of their art, these mahnga serials are strikingly different from what Americans think of as comics.

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ters in mahnga literature.
"I have nothing against American comic books like Archie or Marvel," Hirokane continues. "But that's not what I do. I think the best translation for 'mahnga' in my case is 'graphic novel.' I'm writing novels in serial form. I write with pictures as well as words." Indeed, today's story mahnga evoke the

serial novels of the Victorian era, when the likes of Dickens, Trollope, and Thackeray were writing their long, densely populated novels on a schedule, a chapter every two weeks for the pulp magazines.

Japan's "graphic novels" cover the waterfront in form and style. There are wry, sarcastic sports stories and deeply emo-

mahnga on political themes. In fact, I first got hooked when someone told me about a notorious serial called

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tional romantic tales. There are many

"Chinmoku no Kantai," or "The Silent

Service." This unlikely tale posits that the Japanese Navy has a nuclear submarine (clearly a fantasy in this anti-nuke nation), the crew has mutinied and the sub roams the seas as an underwater nuclear terrorist.

It sounded interesting, so I bought a copy of "Comic Morning," the weekly that carries "Silent Service." Alas, the submarine story was a big disappointment

But having shelled out 230 year for "Comic Morning." I began leafing through to see what other serial novels might be appealing.
The most stunning mahnga by lar was "Ka-cho Shima Kosaku," or "Section

Chief Kosaku Shima." Written and drawn by Kenshi Hirokane — the man who calls himself a "graphic novelist" — it has a strikingly realistic pictorial style and a vast tableau of set-

tings and characters. Our hero, Kosaku Shima, is a single, fortyish salaryman—the generic term for a white-collar worker. He heads the General Affairs Section at Hatsushiba Corp., a huge consumer-electronics multinational that is clearly modeled on Matsushita, the Japanese giant that produces Panasonic, National and other brands.

The plot of "Section Chief Shima" involves recurring corporate crises that require Shima-san to use all his ingenuity and charm to make sure that Harsushiba doesn't lose market share to its Japanese and American competitors. There are countless subplots involving the financial and romantic problems of Shima and his colleagues.

Hirokane is such a good storyteller that

almost nothing is predictable.

One of the first episodes I read centered on Hatsushiba's president, Oizumi, and his wife, a classic bartle-ax. Mrs. Oizumi is such a nag that at first the reader sympathizes with her husband, even when he is cheating on his wife and showering gifts on his pretty mistress. But Mrs. Oizumi turns out to be admirable in her own way.

One night, riding in her husband's corporate limousine, Mrs. Oizumi opens the glove compartment and is amazed to see a spectacular pearl-and-diamond necklace, a million-dollar piece of jewetry. She quickly realizes that this must be a present for the mistress. In a series of wordless frames. Hirokane perfectly depicts the shock, disgust, rage and finally the revenge of the jilted wife as she casually lowers the car window and flips a million dollars worth of pearls out into the dark street. Gradually, my pleasurable dalliance with "Section Chief Shima" turned into

dependence.

My name is T.R. Reid and I am a .

### PEOPLE

Tributes for Carson From the Competition

It may be a genuine tribine—or they may think they wouldn't like an amen of an audience anyway. an inner or an analysis anyway but the impeading remainent of Johany Carson has knocked the compension off the sar, at least for his last "Tonight" show. On cable TV, the 24-hour Comedy Central is "going dark," said Tony Fex, a spokesman. "We're probably going to put up a slate that says some thing like. We're watching Johnny Carson's last show and so should you." Arsenio Hall, whose synticated show overlaps Carson's is going even further. For the week leading up to Carson's last show on May 22, Hall will air returns of his will show he will air returns of his talk show, because he's "going to be home watching Carson," spokesman said. Carson has been the host of the NBC fixture for 30

Mike Tyson has a new job and a cellmate. The former heavyweight boxing champion, doing six years for rape, was assigned to work in the recreation area of the Indiana Youth Center, as his prison is called, where he will carn 65 cents a day keeping track of equipment and performing maintenance Ð

The sportscaster Pat Summeral has been granted an indefinite leave by CBS and has volumely checked into the Betty Ford Cline in California, a source close to the announcer said. Summerall is the network's voice for NFL football and host of its golf and tennis carerage. The clinic is where the rist and famous tend to go for prob-lems with drug and alcohol some . . . D

What's the hardest ticket to get in New York? A Broadway shoul A rock concert? Wrong, It's a ticket to a forum at Hunter College on sexual harassment where Professor Anita F. Hill will speak. Along with Hill, who nearly scuttled the nomnation of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, conference partici-pants will include Gloria Steinen. Bella Abzog and Geraldine Persara 

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